

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3456
ANSWERED ON-17.12.2024

ORGANISED AND UNORGANISED EMPLOYMENT

3456. SHRI CHARANJIT SINGH CHANNI:

Will the Minister of Panchayati Raj be pleased to state:

- a. whether the Government has any data on the current total number of villages in the country and the number of villagers engaged in organized employment within them, if so, the details thereof;
- b. whether the increase in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) budget indicates a rise in the number of people engaged in the unorganized sector, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- c. whether the Government is facing challenges in creating employment opportunities within the organized sector, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to address this issue?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(PROF. S.P. SINGH BAGHEL)

(a) to (c) As per the information provided by Directorate General of Employment, Ministry of Labour & Employment, employment generation coupled with improving employability of all including youth is a priority of Government and is a multi-stakeholder initiative. The various Ministries/Departments of Government of India like Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Textile, etc. are implementing different employment generation schemes/programmes. The details of these employment generation schemes/programmes can be seen at https://dge.gov.in/dge/schemes_programmes.

The Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) scheme announced in Budget 2024-25, with an outlay of Rs. 1,07,000 Crores, aims at job creation and formalisation of workforce by providing Social Security through EPFO, enhancing employment and incentivizing additional employment generation through incentives to employees and employers.

As per the information received from the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) is a demand driven wage employment programme which provide for the enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. While one of the reasons for increasing MGNREGA budget is increase in demand for work under the scheme, there are other factor also such as increase in notified wage rate, increase in population and increase in material cost etc.
