

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 34
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.11.2024**

JOB SECURITY IN INFORMAL SECTOR

34. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has planned for improving job security and fair wages for workers in the informal sector;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof regarding the number of jobs created in rural areas through recent employment schemes;**
- (c) the details of steps taken/being taken by the Government to address labour migration from rural areas to cities and the manner in which the rural job market being strengthened; and**
- (d) the in which Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) has been effective in providing employment during the last fiscal year?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)**

(a) to (d): Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority concern of the Government. Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country like encouraging private sector of economy, fast tracking various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM). The Make in India, Skill India, Digital India schemes are being implemented by the Government and these are likely to enhance the employment base. MUDRA and START UPS scheme are initiated by the Government for facilitating self-employment.

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Further, the Government launched e-Shram portal in August, 2021 with an objective to create National Database of Unorganised Workers and to facilitate delivery of Social Security Schemes/Welfare Schemes to the unorganised workers.

Ministry of Labour and Employment has now launched the eShram- “One- Stop-Solution” on 21st October 2024. eShram- “One Stop-Solution” entails integration of different Social Security/ Welfare schemes at single portal i.e., eShram. This enables unorganised workers registered on eShram to access social security schemes and see benefits availed by them so far, on single portal i.e., eShram. For example, workers will be able to see MGNREGA job card, PMAY-G statement, PM-SYM statement, Ration card details, search of NCS job opportunities etc. on eShram – One Stop Solution.

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) is a demand driven wage employment scheme which provides 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.

The employment provided under MGNREGA scheme (in person-days generated) in the year 2023-24 is 312.26 crore and funds released in the year 2023-24 is Rs. 88554.76 crore.
