

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2728
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09TH MARCH, 2026**

STATUS OF EMPLOYMENT IN BUNDELKHAND REGION

2728. SHRI NARAYANDAS AHIRWAR :

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the situation of unemployment in Bundelkhand region is serious due to limited employment opportunities and this is increasing the tendency of migration among the youth of the region in search of their livelihood;**
- (b) if so, the concrete steps taken by the Government so far to create permanent and local employment in the Bundelkhand region;**
- (c) whether the Government is considering to launch any special scheme or package to encourage agro-based industries, small and cottage industries and self-employment in the said region and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to strengthen employment exchanges in every district of Bundelkhand and take any comprehensive and effective initiative to connect the youth with skill development, training and employment; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): The official data on Employment and Unemployment is collected through Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) which is conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017-18.

As per the latest available Annual PLFS reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above has decreased from 6.0% in 2017-18 to 3.2% in 2023-24. Further, Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh –including Bundelkhand region has decreased from 6.2% in 2017-18 to 3.1% in 2023-24 and 4.3% in 2017-18 to 1.0% in 2023-24, respectively.

Government is implementing Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) under the administrative control of Ministry of MSME through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), for assisting entrepreneurs in setting up of new micro-enterprises including cottage industries involved in activities such as agro-based food processing, beekeeping, textiles, leather, etc in the country including Bundelkhand region.

Employment generation coupled with improving employability is a priority of the Government. Accordingly, Government is implementing various employment generation schemes across the country (including Bundelkhand Region). The details of various employment generation schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government may be seen at https://dge.gov.in/dge/schemes_programmes .

Government is implementing Skill India Mission (SIM) to deliver skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres/ schools/ colleges /institutes etc. under various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in the country. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready, equipped with industry relevant skills.

In addition, the Government is implementing Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme named as the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana to support employment generation, enhance employability and social security across all sectors, with special focus on the manufacturing sector. The scheme with an outlay of Rs 99,446 Crore aims to incentivize the creation of more than 3.5 Crore jobs in the country, over a period of 2 years.

Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India, is running the National Career Service (NCS) Portal which is a one-stop solution for providing career related services including information on jobs from private and government sectors, online & offline job fairs, job search & matching, career counselling, vocational guidance, skill development courses, skill/training programmes etc. through a digital platform [www.ncs.gov.in].

One of the objectives of the NCS scheme is to transform the employment exchanges to Model Career Centres (MCCs). These centres connect local youth and other job- seekers with job opportunities through use of technology as well as career counselling and training. As such these Model Career Centres (MCCs) act as a hub for organizing job fairs, mobilising the employers, providing career counselling at local level etc. in collaboration with States and other institutions for the jobseekers and employers through outreach activities. Till date, 39 Model Career Centres have been approved in the State of Uttar Pradesh and 13 in the State of Madhya Pradesh including in Bundelkhand region.
