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

- (a) whether the Government has categorised the urban and rural unemployment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce region based employment generation so that unemployed persons can be provided employment at near their native places; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) & (b): Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through labour force surveys on employment and unemployment conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSS), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The survey results categorise employment and unemployment as rural/ urban male/ female, etc. The details of rural and urban employment and unemployment are at Annex-I.

(c) & (d): Employment generation is both a cause and consequence of economic growth and is impacted by demographic shifts and technological transformations. Under Skill Development Initiatives, panchayats, municipalities and other local bodies are involved in employment generation at the local level in collaboration with Self Help Groups, cooperatives and Non- Governmental Organisations (NGOs).

Under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA), the eligible workers can avail any employment opportunity available to them.

The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India has adopted the cluster development approach as a key strategy for enhancing the productivity, competitiveness, as well as for boosting employment and capacity building of Micro & Small Enterprises (MSEs) in various sectors including manufacturing sector.

Moreover, Government has taken various steps 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) run by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA), Pt. DeenDayalUpadhyaya GrameenKaushalyaYojana (DDU-GKY) scheme run by Ministry of Rural Development and National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) run by Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation. Under these schemes, unemployed persons can also be provided employment at near their native places.