

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1113
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH DECEMBER, 2018

UN-EMPLOYMENT

1113. SHRIMATI JYOTI DHURVE:
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of unemployed persons including the number of educated and un-educated unemployed persons in the country and those belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (SC/ST) is increasing in the country;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to take any concrete steps to formulate national employment policy in the country;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether the Government conducts any survey regarding unemployment and employment in every State of the country and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the details of the targets fixed and efforts made by the Government for employment generation during the last three years and the current year along with the achievements therefrom?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): As per the results of available labour force surveys on employment-unemployment conducted by Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment, the estimated unemployment rate of persons by educational classification and category-wise is given below:

Distribution of persons by educational classification based on usual principal status approach for the persons age group 18-29 years in the country			
Educational Classification	Unemployment Rate (in %)		
	2012-13	2013-14	2015-16
Not literate	1.4	1.8	2.2
Primary	2.5	2.3	3.1
Middle/Secondary/Higher Secondary	5.3	4.7	3.3
Graduate & above	16.1	15.6	18.4

Estimated Unemployment Rate for the persons age group 15 years & above according to usual status approach in the country			
Category	Unemployment Rate (in %)		
	2012-13	2013-14	2015-16
Scheduled Castes	3.7	3.1	3.4
Scheduled Tribes	2.8	2.1	2.4
Over-all	4.0	3.4	3.7

(b) & (c): An Inter-Ministerial Committee has been constituted to draft the National Employment Policy and consultations have been held with various stakeholders like Ministries, State Governments, Trade Unions, Industry Associations etc. for inputs to the Policy. International Labour Organisation (ILO) has recently been involved for formulation of the National Employment Policy.

The proposed policy inter-alia purports to address macro-economic policy issues, sectoral policy issues, labour policy, micro and small enterprises' issues, skill development issues, issues relating to women and vulnerable workers and incorporate suggestions for improving employment opportunities.

(d): To ascertain employment and unemployment situation in the country, National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation conducted quinquennial labour force surveys on employment and unemployment in the country. Now, Ministry has launched (during 2017-18) Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS). In addition, Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment conducts Employment-Unemployment Surveys annually.

(e): Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority 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 (MGNREGS), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and Deendyal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM). The progress of these schemes is given below:

Employment Generated				
Schemes/Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Estimated employment generated under PMEGP (in lakh)	3.23	4.08	3.87	1.11 (till 30-06-2018)
Persondays Generated under MGNREGS (in crore)	235.14	235.64	234.26	168.11 (till 06-12-2018)
Candidates placed under DDU-GK (in lakh)	1.09	1.48	0.76	0.96 (till 03-12-2018)
Placement under DAY-NULM (in lakh)	0.34	1.52	1.15	0.23 (till 09-07-2018)

Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY) has been launched by the Ministry of Labour and Employment for incentivising employers for promoting employment generation. Under this scheme, Government is paying entire employer's contribution (12% or as admissible) towards EPF and EPS for all eligible new employees for all sectors for 3 years. Till 10-12-2018, the scheme covered 1,15,113 establishments and 92.23 lakh beneficiaries.
