

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 80
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04TH FEBURARY, 2019

VULNERABLE EMPLOYMENT

80. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the International Labour Organization's 'World Employment and Social Outlook Trends Report of 2018' which states that nearly 77% of Indian workers would be vulnerable and that 18.9 million people would be unemployed by 2019;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto;**
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the fact that with the rising levels of unemployment and deteriorating mental health increasing number of suicides is reported among the students and youth;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and; and**
- (e) whether the Government has conducted any holistic and real time survey data based on conventional parameters to measure the critical problem of unemployment and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The International Labour Organisation (ILO) has published 'World Employment and Social Outlook Trends 2018'. As per the report, it is projected that the number of vulnerable employment in Southern Asia which includes India is expected to rise from 505.7 million in 2018 to 512.6 million by 2019 and vulnerable employment rate is expected to be 72% in 2018 and 71.9% in 2019.

(c) & (d): 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).

Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana 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.

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) has been initiated since April, 2015 by Government for facilitating self-employment. Under PMMY collateral free loans uptoRs. 10 lakh, are extended to small/micro business enterprises and to individuals to enable them to setup or expand their business activities.

Pradhan Mantri Kaushal VikasYojana (PMKVY) is the flagship scheme of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE). The objective of this Skill Certification Scheme is to enable a large number of Indian youth to take up industry-relevant skill training that will help them in securing a better livelihood.

Government has implemented the National Career Service (NCS) Project which comprises a digital portal that provides a nation-wide online platform for the job seekers and employers for job-matching in a dynamic, efficient and responsive manner and has a repository of career content to job seekers.

(e): To ascertain employment and unemployment situation in the country, National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation has launched Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) during 2017-18.
