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Eradication of Unemployment

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

- (a) the schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government for eradication of unemployment in the country including Rajasthan and achievements therefrom during the last three years and the current year, year and State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase employment opportunities in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken in this regard;
- (c) whether any survey has been conducted by Labour Bureau to ascertain the actual data of employment in the country;
- (d) if so, the details and the findings thereof and the followup action taken/being taken by the Government thereon; and
- (e) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps to provide 'unemployment allowance' to all registered unemployed youth till they get a profitable employment and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): 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) run by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) under National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) scheme run by Ministry of Rural Development and National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) run by Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation. The state wise details are at Annexure-I, II, III & IV.

Further a new scheme "Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana" has been initiated by the Ministry of Labour and Employment in the year 2016-17 for incentivising industry for promoting employment generation with the allocation of Rs. 1000 crore. Under this scheme employers would be provided an incentive to enhance employment by reimbursing their 8.33% EPS contribution made to new employees.

(b): Employment generation is a key priority of the Government. Government has focused on making employment opportunities accessible to unemployed persons. The 12th Five Year Plan projects 5 crore new job opportunities to be generated in the non-farm sector and will provide skill certification to the equivalent number with 1 crore earmarked for each year including the current year. In order to improve the employability of youth, around 20 Ministries run skill development schemes across 70 sectors. According to the data compiled by National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, number of persons skilled across various sectors are given below:

Year Persons skilled
(in lakh)
2012-13 51.88
2013-14 76.37
2014-15 76.12
2015-16 (till Oct, 2015) 28.85

(c) & (d): To ascertain employment situation in the country, Labour Bureau has been entrusted the task of conducting Annual Employment-Unemployment Survey in the country. The last such survey was conducted during 2013-14. As per survey result, the workforce on usual status basis increased by 4.37 crore persons (aged 15 years and above) during 2012-13 and 2013-14.

(e): Government of India is not providing any unemployment allowance to the unemployed persons. However, some States have been paying unemployment allowance to the registered unemployed youth. In addition, Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment conducted quarterly Quick Employment Surveys on the change in employment in India. The surveys covered selected sectors of the economy encompassing labour-intensive and export-oriented units. According to the survey results, overall estimated employment in all selected sectors has experienced a net addition of 38.81 lakh jobs starting from the first survey (October, 2008 to December, 2008) till the 28th Survey (October, 2015 to December, 2015).
