

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the total number of youths provided employment during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (b) the measures taken by the Government to resolve the problems being faced in establishing self-employment through micro-finance?

**Answer**

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

(a) : Reliable estimates on employment and unemployment are obtained through periodical labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO). Information on placement is also collected from state employment exchanges through Employment Market Information and the state-wise details of number of jobseekers including youth, not all of whom are unemployed, provided employment through the employment exchanges in the country during the last three years are at Annex-I.

(b): Government in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has been implementing a credit-linked subsidy programme named Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) from 2008-09 through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) for generating self-employment opportunities. Under PMEGP margin money subsidy is provided to unemployed youth and traditional artisans for setting up micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector. Under the programme, general category beneficiaries can avail of margin money subsidy of 25% of the project cost in rural areas and 15% in urban areas. State-wise number of estimated employment generated under PMEGP is at Annex-II.