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Title: Regarding unemployment situation in the country.

SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU (SRIKAKULAM): The issue of unemployment, remains a cause of grave concern. According to a report of the UN-International Labour Organisation, unemployment in the country is on the rise. Increase in the number of unemployed is projected from 17.7 million in 2016 to 17.8 million in 2017, which might go to 18 million in 2018. Our government under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modiji is striving with all energy to revive job growth after years of policy paralysis. Flagship initiatives like Skill India, Make in India and Start-up India will provide the much needed impetus to job creation in the country. The majority of our population is in working age-group. To ensure optimum utility of such a huge workforce, the focus has to be on manufacturing. I hope that the government will achieve the target of skill development of 402 million by 2022. This includes skilling, reskilling and upskilling of the workforce to improve employment oppoitunities. Majority of our workers are in informal sector. I request the government to consider more innovative ways for inclusion of workers from informal sector to formal sector. This will enable them to get benefits of better wages, social security and job security.