

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the data shows that there was a good increase in jobs every month in the last six months; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Since April, 2018, Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has been publishing the month-wise provisional net enrolment figures of its subscribers through its web portal *epfindia.gov.in*. The data are released from the month of September, 2017 onwards.

On first such publication in the month of April, 2018, the data for the period September, 2017 to February, 2018 were placed on the EPFO Web Portal wherein provisional net enrolment figures of its subscribers for the month of January and February, 2018 had been shown as 6,04,557 and 4,72,075 respectively.

(c) and (d) The net new enrolment of Provident Fund (PF) subscribers from September, 2017 to February, 2018 (six months) had been 32,71,671 as per the said published data.

Favourable conditions for promotion of MSMEs

1706. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/being taken by Government for creating/providing favourable conditions for the development and promotion of MSMEs under the Ease of Doing Business programme and the extent of success achieved therefrom during the last two years;

(b) whether Government has enacted a model legislation for regulating the functioning of MSMEs in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the same legislation is being replicated/followed by all the States in the country including Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH): (a) In order to promote the Ease of Doing Business, the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has introduced online filing of Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum (UAM) from 18.09.2015. Since then the total number of UAM filed by micro, small and medium

enterprises is 4931098. In addition to it, the Ministry has also taken the following steps to promote the Ease of Doing Business:—

- (i) MSME SAMADHAAN Portal- for empowering micro and small entrepreneurs across the country to directly register their cases relating to payments delayed by Central Ministries/Departments/CPSEs/State Governments etc.
- (ii) MSME SAMBANDH Portal- to help in Monitoring the Implementation of Public Procurement Policy for micro and small enterprises.
- (iii) MSME SAMPARK Portal- A digital platform, wherein, jobseekers (passed out trainees/students of 18 MSME Technology Centres) and recruiters get connected.
- (iv) Digital Payments- to pass on the benefits of the schemes of Ministry of MSME through digital payment gateway.

(b) and (c) The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development (MSMED) Act, 2006 has been already enacted. This Act is applicable to all the States and Union Territories of India.

Solar Charkha Mission

1707. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched Solar Charkha Mission in 50 clusters across the country;

(b) whether Government plans to set up 15 new state-of-the-art technology centres across the country;

(c) whether Government has increased budgetary allocation under Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) for FY 2018-19 by 75 per cent to Rs.1,800 crore, in order to incentivise entrepreneurs, mainly women and SC/ST; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has launched the Mission Solar Charkha for implementation of 50 Solar Charkha Clusters across the country with a budget of ₹ 550 crore for the year 2018-19 and 2019-20. The scheme is envisaged to generate direct employment to nearly one lakh persons. Solar Charkha Units have been classified as Village Industries.