

(e) The Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority concern of the Government. The Government is implementing various programmes in this direction 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). The employment generated through these schemes are given below:-

Schemes	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Estimated employment generated under PMEGP (person in lakh)	3.58	3.23	4.08	2.31 (till 22.01.18)
Persondays Generated under MGNREGS (Persondays in lakh)	16619	23514	23577	20671 (till 1.03.18)
Candidates placed in jobs after training under DDU-GKY (person in lakh)	0.54	1.35	0.85	0.59 (till Nov., 17)
Skill Trained Persons given Placement under DAY-NULM (person in lakh)	0.63	0.34	1.52	0.83 (till Jan, 18)

Encouraging alternate employment/self employment among the youth

3774. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to encourage alternate employment/self-employment amongst the youth in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken by Government to help the youth in seeking future employment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (d) The Government through various targeted programmes such as Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Prime Minister Mudra Yojna, Start-Up India, Stand Up India,

Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) and National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) is stimulating creation of self-employment. Programmes such as Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana and Pradhan Mantri YUVA Yojna are enhancing the employability of the labour force to access job opportunities.

National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) was launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (HUPA), Government of India in 24th September, 2013 by replacing the existing Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY). It aims to impart skill training to urban poor in market oriented courses to improve their employability and to enable them to start self-employment ventures. Interest Subvention is provided on individual and group bank loans sanctioned to enable them to set up microenterprises. Self Help Groups are also linked with banks to encourage them to undertake income-generating activities.

Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) is implementing Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), which is a major credit-linked subsidy programme aimed at generating self-employment opportunities through establishment of micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector by helping traditional artisans and unemployed youth.

The Stand UP India scheme was launched on 5th April, 2016, in order to facilitate bank loans from Scheduled Commercial banks between ₹ 10 Lakh and 1 crore to atleast one Schedule Caste (SC) or Schedule Tribe (ST) borrower and at least one woman borrower per bank branch for setting up a Greenfield Enterprise in trading, services or manufacturing sector. As on 22.12.2017, 48,778 loans have been extended under the scheme.

The Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojna is a scheme to extend collateral free loans below ₹ 10 Lakh in the non agricultural sector to individuals to enable them to set up or expand their business activities. It is divided into three categories namely Shishu (upto ₹ 50,000), Kishore (₹ 50,000 to ₹ 5 Lakh) and Tarun (₹ 5 Lakh to ₹ 10 Lakh).

Increasing of pension for labourers

†3775. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of retired labourer pensioners of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is about 28,50,000 at present;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.