

**Withdrawal of paramilitary forces from LWE areas in West Bengal**

2334. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to withdraw the Central Paramilitary Forces posted in the areas of Left Wing Extremism (LWE) in West Bengal;

(b) if so, what steps Government is going to take in this context; and

(c) what prompted Government to take this step?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) to (c) A dynamic approach towards deployment of forces is essential in view of evolving LWE situation. Deployment of forces in LWE affected States is reviewed on regular basis taking into consideration the ground situation, and the re-deployment of forces is affected to ensure optimum utilization of forces.

In West Bengal, no LWE related violence incident/death has been recorded since 2014, therefore, out of 7 battalions of CAPFs, redeployment of 3 battalions to Chhattisgarh has been ordered in August, 2018.

**Creation of employment opportunities**

2335. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of employment opportunities created by Government during the last four years, year-wise and sector-wise;

(b) the details of number of unemployed people in the country since last four years and whether it is increasing year-by-year;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has set any target to control the increasing unemployment in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (e) Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority 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 Deendayal Antodaya Yojana- National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) etc. The details of employment generated through these major schemes are given below:—

| Schemes/Year  | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19                   |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------------------------|
| Estimated employment generated under PMEGP (person in lakh) | 3.23    | 4.08    | 3.87    | 2.85<br>(till 30.11.18)   |
| Persondays Generated under MGNREGS (in crore)               | 235.14  | 235.65  | 234.22  | 163.22<br>(till 30.11.18) |
| Candidates placed in jobs after training DDU-GKY (in lakh)  | 1.09    | 1.48    | 0.76    | 0.96<br>(till 03.12.18)   |
| Skill Trained Persons given Placement DAY- NULM (in lakh)   | 3.37    | 1.52    | 1.15    | 0.95<br>(till 05.12.18)   |

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) has been initiated by Government for facilitating self-employment. Under PMMY collateral free loans upto ₹ 10 lakh, are extended to small/micro business enterprises and to individuals to enable them to set up or expand their business activities. Till 23rd December, 2018, total 15.49 crore loans have been sanctioned under the Scheme.

Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY) has been launched by the Ministry of Labour and Employment for incentivising employers for promoting employment generation. Under this scheme, Government is paying entire employer's contribution (12% or as admissible) towards EPF and EPS for all eligible new employees for all sectors for three years. Till 26.12.2018, more than 98.05 lakh employees have been benefited through 1.21 lakh establishments under this scheme.

As per the results of available labour force surveys on Employment- Unemployment conducted by Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment, the estimated unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above on usual status basis in the country in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2015-16 was 4.0%, 3.4% and 3.7% respectively.