

These schemes are implemented through Life Insurance Corporation of India under the overall supervision of the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

Varying trends in unemployment

2795. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of unemployment rates in the country, the State-wise details thereof;
- (b) the reasons for unemployment rates being lower in the well developed States like Delhi, Tamil Nadu compared to the underdeveloped States like West Bengal;
- (c) the steps being taken to reduce unemployment by the Central Government; and
- (d) the steps being taken to reduce unemployment in collaboration with the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) As per the results of Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation during 2017-18, the estimated unemployment rate on usual status (principal status+subsidiary status) basis for persons of age 15 years and above in the country was 6.0%. The unemployment rate for persons of age 15 years and above in Delhi and Tamil Nadu is 9.4% and 7.5% respectively as compared to 4.6% in West Bengal. The State-wise detail is given in Statement (*See below*).

(c) and (d) Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority of the Government. Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country like encouraging private sector of economy, fast-tracking various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes such as 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).

Pradhan Mantri Rojgar 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 3 years.

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) has been initiated by Government *inter alia* for facilitating self-employment. Under PMMY collateral free loans upto ₹ 10 lakh, are extended to micro/small business enterprises and to individuals to enable them to set up or expand their business activities.

Government has implemented the National Career Service (NCS) Project which comprises a digital portal that provides a nation-wide online platform for the job seekers and employers for job-matching in a dynamic, efficient and responsive manner and has a repository of career content to job seekers.

Start-up India is a flagship initiative of the Government of India, intended to build a strong ecosystem that is conducive for the growth of start-up businesses, to drive sustainable economic growth and generate large scale employment opportunities.

Besides these initiatives, flagship programmes of the Government such as Make in India, Digital India, Swachh Bharat Mission, Smart City Mission, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation, Housing for All, Infrastructure development and Industrial corridors have the potential to generate productive employment opportunities. Ministries/Departments/States run skill development schemes across various sectors to improve the employability of youth and also facilitate placements. Schemes such as the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) wherein Government reimburses 25 per cent of the stipend payable to apprentices also enhances employability of the youth to access employment.

Statement

State/UT-wise details of unemployment rate for persons of age 15 years and above according to usual status (principal status+subsidiary status) basis during 2017-18 (PLFS)

Sl. No.	State/UT	Unemployment Rate (in %)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4.5
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	5.8
3.	Assam	7.9

1	2	3
4.	Bihar	7.0
5.	Chhattisgarh	3.3
6.	Delhi	9.4
7.	Goa	13.9
8.	Gujarat	4.8
9.	Haryana	8.4
10.	Himachal Pradesh	5.5
11.	Jammu and Kashmir	5.4
12.	Jharkhand	7.5
13.	Karnataka	4.8
14.	Kerala	11.4
15.	Madhya Pradesh	4.3
16.	Maharashtra	4.8
17.	Manipur	11.5
18.	Meghalaya	1.6
19.	Mizoram	10.1
20.	Nagaland	21.4
21.	Odisha	7.1
22.	Punjab	7.7
23.	Rajasthan	5.0
24.	Sikkim	3.5
25.	Tamil Nadu	7.5
26.	Telangana	7.6
27.	Tripura	6.8
28.	Uttarakhand	7.6
29.	Uttar Pradesh	6.2
30.	West Bengal	4.6

1	2	3
31.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	15.8
32.	Chandigarh	9.0
33.	Dadra and Nagar	0.4
34.	Daman and Diu	3.1
35.	Lakshadweep	21.3
36.	Puducherry	10.3
	ALL-INDIA	6.0

Source: Annual Report, Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), 2017-18, M/o Statistics and Programme Implementation.

Increasing minimum wages of the workers

†2796. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plans to increase the minimum wages of the workers of various trades;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of Government thereto;
- (c) whether Government has consulted trade unions in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the other steps being taken by Government for the welfare and social security of workers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (d) Under the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, both Central and State Governments are appropriate Governments to fix, review and revise the minimum wages of the workers employed in the scheduled employment under their respective jurisdictions. Rates fixed in the Central sphere are applicable to establishments under the authority of Central Government, railway administration, mines, oil-fields, major port or any corporation established by a Central Government. Employment other than the scheduled employment for central Sphere come under the purview of State Government and accordingly State Government wages are applicable in such employments.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.