

The unemployment problem

*180. SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the recent steps that Government has taken to deal with the unemployment problem; and

(b) whether partnerships with the private sector is likely to lead to an increase in the number and quality of jobs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) and (b) 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 Deendayal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM).

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 setup 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.

Under Skill India Mission, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is implementing a flagship scheme known as the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 2016-20 with an objective to provide skilling to one crore people under Short Term Training (STT) and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) across the country for four years *i.e.* 2016-2020 with an outlay of 12,000 crore.

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.

Economic Survey 2018-19 expressed the vision that investment, especially private investment, is the “key driver” that drives demand, creates capacity, increases labour productivity, introduces new technology, allows creative destruction, and generates jobs.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Reconstruction of airport at Chitrakoot Dham

‡1761. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan for reconstruction of airport at ‘Chitrakoot Dham’ is under consideration by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether this area is being neglected for many years; and

(c) the number of airports where air travel has been commenced under UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) scheme which happens to be commensurate with the statement made by Prime Minister that ‘Hawai chappal wala bhi hawai yatra kar sake’ (a common-man could also travel by air)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI) : (a) to (c) Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity by making air travel affordable to the masses. However, RCS - UDAN is market driven scheme. The interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes submit their proposals at the time of bidding under RCS - UDAN from time to time. In 2nd round of bidding under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik), routes between Lucknow and Chitrakoot were awarded to Selected Airline Operator (SAO) but the same was cancelled due to non-compliance of SAO Agreement by Selected Airline Operator. Any airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN, is developed under “Revival

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