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23	Sikkim	99
24	Tamil Nadu	54076
25	Telangana	26585
26	Tripura	16948
27	Uttar Pradesh	774129
28	Uttarakhand	29003
29	West Bengal	58063
30	Andaman and Nicobar	1482
31	Chandigarh	3098
32	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	677
33	Daman and Diu	544
34	Lakshadweep	21
35	NCT Delhi	7056
36	Puducherry	1140
TOTAL		3898346

Unemployment of youths

2668. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the high unemployment rate amongst young adults in the country;

(b) the reasons for unemployment rate increasing with an increase in the level of education; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that young graduates have more employment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (c) As per the results of annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by National Statistical Office

(NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation during 2017-18, the estimated unemployment rate for the persons aged 15 years and above on usual status (principal status + subsidiary status) basis to the extent available in the country was 6.0%.

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 various schemes.

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 under Short Term Training (STT) and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) across the country.

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 for job seekers.

Privatisation of ESI hospitals

2669. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hospitals functioning under Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the details of new hospitals sanctioned and the present status, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government proposed new hospitals under ESIC, if so, the details thereof;