

for three years from 01.04.2019 onwards for improving the Medical Services, including better availability of medicines.

**Appointment of lower staff in EPFO**

430. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trade unions have been demanding that the recruitment rules for appointment of lower level staff be notified in Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO);

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of lower level category posts remained unfilled for a long time; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to fill up these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Requisite steps have been taken by EPFO to fill, up the vacant posts. EPFO has conducted 1st and 2nd stage examination for filling up of 240 posts of Assistant Section Officers and 2189 posts of Social Security Assistants in EPFO.

Further, requisition for recruitment to 42.1 posts of Enforcement Officer/Accounts Officer in EPFO has been sent to Union Public Service Commission.

**Labourers working in the informal/unorganised sector**

431. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is any statistics made by Government to calculate/ estimate the number of labourers working in the informal/unorganised sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof regarding the size of the informal/unorganised workforce; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) As per the Annual Report (July 2017-June 2018) on Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), percentage of workers engaged in informal sector (*i.e.*, proprietary and partnership enterprises) among workers (primary

and secondary sector) in usual status engaged in non-agriculture and Agriculture sector excluding growing of crops, market gardening, horticulture and growing of crops combined with farming of animals is given in Table 1 of the Statement-I (*See below*).

Besides, National Sample Survey (NSS) conducted Survey on Unincorporated Non-Agricultural Enterprises (Excluding Construction) during its 73rd Round (July 2015 - June 2016), covered manufacturing, trade and other services in the unincorporated sector. The estimated number of workers for all-India as per the survey is given in Table 2 of the Statement-II (*See below*).

(c) Doesn't arise.

### ***Statement-I***

*Table 1: Percentage of workers engaged in proprietary and partnership enterprises among workers (ps+ss) engaged in non-agriculture and AGEHC sectors during 2017-18 (PLFS)*

#### **All-India**

Category of workers	Rural	Urban	Rural+Urban
Male	74.5	67.3	71.1
Female	59.3	51.0	54.8
Person	72.3	64.2	68.4

### ***Statement-II***

*Table 2: Different Broad Activity Category-wise workers at All-India level*

Broad Activity Category	Number of workers
Manufacturing	36041319
Trade	38737618
Other Services	36484600
Non-captive Electricity Generation	7289
ALL	111270826