

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1862
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2021**

JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

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Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the latest estimates by Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) which indicate that around 10 crore working age youth are unemployed and actively searching for jobs;**
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken any measures to boost employment opportunities for the youth and freshers in rural and urban areas; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a): Data captured in private domain are not referred in Government sphere. The 6th Annual Employment-Unemployment Survey(EUS) 2016-17 conducted by Labour Bureau, an attached office of Ministry of Labour and Employment, inter-alia, has captured the employment-unemployment scenario among youths in the country. The youth Unemployment Rate based on Usual Principal Status (UPS) as per 6th Annual EUS is as below:

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Age Groups	Person (%) (Rural+ Urban)
15-17 yrs	19.1
18-24 years	20.8
25-29 years	9.2
30 yrs & Above	1.5

(b) & (c): Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana (ABRY) Scheme is being implemented to incentivize creation of new employment along with social security benefits and restoration of loss of employment during COVID-19 pandemic. This scheme being implemented through the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), reduces the financial burden of the employers of various sectors/industries including MSMEs and encourages them to hire more workers. Under ABRY, Government of India is crediting for a period of two years both the employees' share (12% of wages) and employers' share (12% of wages) of contribution payable or only the employees' share, depending on employment strength of the EPFO registered establishments.

Under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY), Government of India has contributed both 12% employer's share and 12% employee's share under Employees Provident Fund (EPF), totalling 24% of the wage for the wage month from March to August, 2020 for the establishments having upto 100 employees with 90% of such employees earning less than Rs.15000/-. Under the PMGKY scheme Rs 2567.66 crore was credited in EPF accounts of 38.82 lakhs eligible employees.

Besides, the Government's fiscal stimulus of more than rupees twenty seven lakh crore as part of the Aatmanirbhar financial Package specifically aims to create employment opportunities for migrant workers, workers for unorganised sector, strengthening of MSME Sector and promoting rural economy.
