

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2513
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2021**

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

2513. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS:

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

- (a) whether the unemployment rate has gone down in the last quarter since the economy has picked up in the same quarter;**
- (b) the percentage of employees/labourers who are back on job in the same period; and**
- (c) the percentage of migrant workers who are back to work compared to pre-COVID period?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (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 ABRY, approximately 16.5 lakhs beneficiaries have registered themselves with the Scheme w.e.f 01.10.2020. Out of this, approximately 13.64 lakhs are new joinees with UAN generated on or after 01.10.2020 and approximately 2.86 lakhs are re-joinees who were rendered un-employed during covid pandemic from 01.03.2020 to 30.09.2020 & rejoined from 01.10.2020 onwards.