

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1393
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2021**

LOSS OF JOBS

1393. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that more than 2.5 crore people have lost their jobs and 7.5 crore people have reached the poverty line since the year 2020;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and**
- (c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to correct the situation in the country?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a) to (c): As per the payroll data based on Aadhar validated Universal Account Number (UAN) published by Employees Provident Fund Office (EPFO) every month for the organised sector, 97.83 lakh subscribers exited from EPFO establishments while 89.43 lakh subscribers who had previously exited, rejoined EPFO establishments during year 2020-21. The payroll data of EPFO also shows that during 2020-21, 85.49 lakh new subscribers joined EPFO establishments. Taking into account the Net Payroll data, the net subscribers added was 77.08 lakh during 2020-21.

Employment generation is the priority of the Government. Government of India has taken a number of initiatives for promoting employment generation in the country. Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY) was launched with effect from 1st October, 2020 as part of Aatmanirbhar Bharat package 3.0 to incentivize employers for creation of

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new employment along with social security benefits and restoration of loss of employment during Covid-19 pandemic. This scheme being implemented through Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), seeks to reduce the financial burden of the employers and encourages them to hire more workers. The terminal date for registration of beneficiaries has been extended from 30.06.2021 to 31.03.2022. As on 20.11.2021, benefit has been provided to 39.43 lakh beneficiaries through 1.15 lakh establishments.

In order to focus on urban areas, Prime Minister Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme was launched on June 01, 2020 to provide working capital loan upto 10,000/- for one year tenure to street vendors, vending in urban areas, to resume their businesses, which were hurt adversely due to COVID-19 induced lockdown.

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) is being implemented by the Government, inter alia, for facilitating self-employment. Under PMMY collateral free loans upto Rs. 10 lakh are extended to micro/small business enterprises and to individuals to enable them to setup or expand their business activities.

In addition, to enhance the employment generation, Government is encouraging various projects involving substantial investment and through public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Deen Dayal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) and Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) run by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs and Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), respectively.

Besides these initiatives, the flagship programmes of the Government such as Make in India, Digital India, Smart City Mission, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation, Housing for All, Infrastructure development and Industrial corridors and Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme are also oriented to generate productive employment opportunities.
