

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1969**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15th DECEMBER, 2021/ AGRAHAYANA 24, 1943 (SAKA)

JOBS LOST IN J&K

1969. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether around five lakh people have lost jobs in Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) since August 5, 2019;

(b) whether according to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), J&K had the highest monthly average unemployment rate of over 15 and between January 2016 and July 2019, more than double the national monthly average unemployment rate of 6.4 per cent during the period;

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard;

(d) whether the number of vacant Government posts in J&K stood at more than 80,000; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to fill the vacant seats?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a) to (e) : The Government of J&K has informed that economic parameters do not indicate sluggishness of economy leading to loss of jobs. During the financial year 2020-21, the indicators like State Goods and Services Tax (SGST), Motor and Spirit Tax (MST), Stamp Collection have witnessed growth of 14.50 per cent, 64.63 per cent and 104.10 per cent respectively, as compared to the last year. The net increase in Goods and Services Tax collection has been 25.43 per cent in the current year and the excise collection has been Rs. 770 crore, which is

higher as compared to previous year for the corresponding period. Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) is a business information Company which compiles information with regard to unemployment data on its own devised parameters and procedures. The Unemployment rate monthly time series projected by the CMIE, in respect of the UT of J&K from the year January 2016 to October 2021 shows huge fluctuations. However, from the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation during July 2017- June 20, the estimates of Unemployment rate in usual status in Jammu & Kashmir fluctuates between 5.1% and 6.7 %.

The number of vacant posts in the Government has gone down considerably and is well below 80,000 as many steps have been taken by the Government to address the issue of unemployment and filling of vacant posts in the UT of J&K.

Some of the measures are:

- i) The Government has initiated largest ever recruitment drive in a transparent manner for which an Accelerated Recruitment Committee (ARC) was constituted for identifying Gazetted, Non-Gazetted & Class-IV posts in the UT of J&K.**

- ii) **Special recruitment rules have been made and various departmental rules have been amended to accelerate the recruitment process in a transparent and time bound manner.**
- iii) **Under fast-track recruitment, 20323 posts are being filled by the Jammu & Kashmir Services Selection Board. Presently selection process has been completed with respect to 9205 posts, remaining selection are under process at various stages. Besides, 2119 selections for Gazetted posts have been made by the Jammu & Kashmir Public Service Commission in various departments and recruitments in respect of 726 Gazetted posts have been initiated.**
- iv) **All Departments have been requested to furnish vacant posts, both Gazetted and Non-Gazetted, as on 31.12.2021 well before 15th December, 2021 so that the same could be referred before 15.01.2022 to recruiting agencies.**
- v) **The recruiting agencies have been directed to finalize the schedule/calendar for conduct of various examinations well in advance so that the selection process could be completed expeditiously.**
- vi) **During the current financial year, 137870 persons have been covered under various self-employment schemes of different government departments.**

- vii) **An employment portal has been developed for registration of employment seekers and employment providers to facilitate employment.**
- viii) **Counselling/e-counselling Sessions are regularly held at District Levels for awareness of unemployed regarding availability of various jobs.**
- ix) **Model Career Centers have been set up for increasing the access to larger employment market and assistance is provided by holding job fairs etc.**
- x) **Low Interest loans are made available to unemployed youth to start their ventures/entrepreneurship in different fields on regular basis.**
- xi) **A special Scheme, Youth Mission has been started to target unemployed youth directly to provide the avenues and opportunities for starting their own venture like Mumkin, a livelihood generation programme, under which financial assistance by way of loan from selected commercial banks is provided to youth for purchase of commercial vehicles. Similarly, a special scheme 'Tejaswani' has been launched to promote entrepreneurship among women.**
