

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 579
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2021**

INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN INDIA

579. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Unemployment in October, 2021 rose to 7.75 per cent from a three-month low of 6.86 per cent in September, 2021 as per data from private research firm Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy;**
- (b) if so, details thereof and reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether it is a fact that urban joblessness stands at 7.38 per cent;**
- (d) if so, details thereof and reasons therefor; and**
- (e) measures taken by Government to rectify this situation?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The data on labour statistics including unemployment & employment is collected by Government agencies. As per the latest PLFS Quarterly data available till January-March, 2021, the unemployment rate in urban areas on current weekly status is 10.3% (October-December 2020) and 9.3% (January-March, 2021).

However, as per Annual PLFS report 2019-20, the annual Unemployment rate on usual status basis for combined urban & rural areas stands at 4.8%.

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(e): Government is providing fiscal stimulus of more than Rupees Twenty seven lakh crore as part of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat financial Package. Aatmanirbhar Bharat package comprises various long term schemes/ programmes/ policies for making the country self-reliant and to create employment opportunities in the country.

Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country like:-

i) Encouraging various projects involving substantial investment and increasing 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) and Deendayal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) run by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, respectively.

ii) 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 to street vendors, vending in urban areas, to resume their businesses, which were hurt adversely due to COVID-19 induced lockdown.

iii) Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) is being implemented by the Government 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.

iv) The Production Linked Investment scheme of Rs 10,683/- crore over a five-year period covering Man-made Fibre (MMF) and Technical Textiles sector has been announced which envisages to create global champions in exports and domestic production in textile sector would help boost employment.

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v) National Technical Textiles Mission launched in February 2020 with an outlay of Rs. 1,480 crore for the period 2020-24, with a view to place India as one of the major exporting countries, is likely to generate a large number of employment in the textile sector.

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.
