

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*16
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH FEBRUARY, 2019**

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

***16. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:**

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the unemployment rate has increased to 7.4 per cent in December, 2018;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether it is also true that 84 per cent of the job losses came from the rural population and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether it is further true that 3.7 million jobs were lost by the salaried employees and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *16 DUE FOR REPLY ON 04-02-2019 BY SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU REGARDING “UNEMPLOYMENT RATE”.

(a) to (d): As per the results of available labour force surveys on Employment-Unemployment conducted by Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment, the estimated unemployment rate worker population ratio of rural and urban persons aged 15 years and above on usual status basis in the country is given below:

Year	Unemployment Rate (in %)			Worker Population Ratio (in %)		
	Rural	Urban	Rural+Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural+Urban
2012-13	3.5	5.3	4.0	53.6	44.2	51.0
2013-14	2.9	4.9	3.4	57.1	45.5	53.7
2015-16	3.4	4.4	3.7	53.9	41.8	50.5

Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority of the Government. Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY) has been launched by the Ministry of Labour and Employment for incentivising employers for promoting employment generation. Under this scheme, Government is paying entire employer’s contribution (12% or as admissible) towards EPF and EPS for all eligible new employees for all sectors for 3 years. Till 21-01-2019, the scheme covered 128501 establishments and 1.05 crore beneficiaries.

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) has been initiated by Government inter alia for facilitating self-employment. Under PMMY collateral free loans upto Rs. 10 lakh, are extended to small/micro business enterprises and to individuals to enable them to setup or expand their business activities. Till 25th January, 2019, total 15.59 crore loans have been sanctioned under the scheme.
