

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

RAJYA SABHA

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 279
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2018**

**IMPROVING LIVELIHOOD OF UNORGANISED WORKERS IN URBAN
AREAS**

***279. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to ensure improved livelihood of the unorganised workers in urban areas;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA
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LIVELIHOOD OF UNORGANISED WORKERS IN URBAN AREAS.**

(a) to (c): In order to improve livelihood of the unorganised workers in the Country, including in the urban areas, the Government has taken various steps by way of encouraging private sector, fast tracking various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) and providing skills to enhance their income earning capacity.

A Scheme called "Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana" (PMRPY) has been launched by the Government in the year 2016-17. Under this scheme, employers are provided an incentive where the Government is paying the employer's contribution of 8.33% EPS made to new employees. In textiles (apparel and made-ups) sector, the Government is also paying the 3.67% EPF contribution of employers in addition to paying the 8.33% EPS contribution. This scheme not only helps in employment creation but also helps formalization of informal jobs.

The Government is implementing the National Career Service Project (NCSP) using technology to bring more employment opportunities to jobseekers and matching the job requirement with the skills sets available to these workers.

"Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)" is being implemented to reduce poverty and vulnerability of urban poor households. Self-employment Programme is one of the vital components of the Mission.

The Government is also encouraging labor-intensive manufacturing, promoting tourism and agro-based industries. Besides, the Make in India, Digital India, Skill India Schemes are being implemented by the Government for this purpose.

MUDRA and START UPS schemes have been initiated by the Government for facilitating self-employment. Loans under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) Scheme have been extended by banks, Non-Banking Financial Companies and Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs) to small/micro business enterprises by providing loans upto 10 lakh for manufacturing, processing, trading, services and activities allied to agriculture for promotion of self-employment.
