

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE**

DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 2

TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY 19th JULY, 2021

[28 Ashadha, 1943 (SAKA)]

Stimulus Package for Covid-affected Sectors

**2. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently announced Rs 6.28 lakh crore stimulus package to boost Covid-affected sectors and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has planned to offer guarantees to banks for lending to microfinance sector and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has also planned to increase the size of Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) to Rs 4.5 lakh crore from Rs 3 lakh crore and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has planned to give loan guarantees to tourism sector under ECLGS and free visa for first 5 lakh tourists once borders re-open and if so the details thereof; and
- (e) the other important steps being taken by the Government during the Covid-19 pandemic in this regard?

ANSWER

FINANCE MINISTER

(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

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

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 2 for answer on July 19, 2021 raised by Shri Rajveer Singh (Raju Bhaiya) and Dr. Sukanta Majumdar regarding 'Stimulus Package for Covid-affected Sectors':

- (a) Yes Sir. Government of India has on 28th June, 2021 announced a stimulus package of Rs.6,28,993 crore. The package aims to boost diverse sectors of economy affected by COVID-19 pandemic. The Government has announced a total of 17 measures in three broad categories: -
- i) **Economic relief from Pandemic:** Eight measures in the stimulus package announced aim at providing economic relief to people and businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. In this part of the package, the Government has laid special focus on health and reviving travel and tourism sectors.
 - ii) **Strengthening Public Health:** Besides supporting the health sector through credit guarantee schemes, Rs. 23,220 crore was announced for public health with emphasis on children and pediatric care/pediatric beds
 - iii) **Impetus for Growth and employment:** Eight measures in the stimulus package announced aim at providing impetus for growth and employment.
- (b) Yes Sir. Government of India has decided to provide guarantee to the Scheduled Commercial Banks for loans to new or existing Non Banking Financial Companies (NBFC) and Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs) for on lending of upto Rs 1.25 lakh to approximately 25 lakh small borrowers with interest rate on loans from banks capped in each case at Marginal Cost of Funds based Lending Rate (MCLR) plus 2%.
- (c) Yes Sir. The government has decided to expand the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS), launched as part of Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Package in May, 2020, by additional Rs 1.5 lakh crore. ECLGS has got a very warm response with Rs 2.73 lakh crore sanctioned and Rs 2.10 lakh crore already disbursed under the scheme.
- (d) Yes Sir. The government has decided to provide working capital/personal loans to Regional Level Tourist Guides recognised by Ministry of Tourism and Tourist Guides recognised by the State Governments; and Travel and Tourism Stakeholders (TTS) recognized by Ministry of Tourism.
- (e) Apart from aforesaid measures, the Government has taken many other steps. These include extension of Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana till 31st March 2022; additional subsidy of Rs. 14,775 crore for DAP & P&K fertilizers; extension of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) – Free food grains from May to November, 2021; Rs. 33,000 crore boost for project exports through National Export Insurance Account (NEIA); Rs. 88,000 crore boost to Export Insurance Cover; Rs. 19,041 crore for Broadband to each Village through BharatNet PPP Model; and extension of tenure of PLI Scheme for Large Scale Electronics Manufacturing till the financial year 2025-26.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *285
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021

ATROCITIES ON TRIBALS

*285 SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA)

Will the Minister of **TRIBAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that atrocities against tribal community have increased in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the total number of cases reported/registered before the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) regarding the oppression of tribal people in the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise along with the action taken by NCST thereon;
- (c) the various corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent atrocities on tribals;
- (d) the number of youths from tribal community who got selected in the Union Public Service Commission examinations during the last five years, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the number of youths from tribal community who received financial help from the Government during the last five years, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

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

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.*285 for answer on 09.08.2021

(a) As per the latest data provided by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), details of State/ UT-wise Cases Registered (CR), Cases Charge-sheeted (CCS), Cases Convicted (CON), Persons Arrested (PAR), Person Charge-sheeted (PCS) and Persons Convicted (PCV) under Crime/ Atrocities against Scheduled Tribes (STs) during 2017-2019 is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

Police and Public Order are state subjects under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. The responsibilities to maintain law and order, protection of life and property of the citizens, and investigation and prosecution of crime including crime against members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes rests with the respective State Governments. The State Governments are competent to deal with such offences under the extant provisions of law.

(b) A statement indicating the State/ UT wise total number of cases dealt and action taken by National commission for Scheduled Tribes thereon regarding the oppression of Tribal people during last three years is given at **Annexure-II**.

(c) An Act of the Parliament namely the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) {PoA} Act, 1989 was enacted to prevent atrocities against members of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) which has been amended in 2015 to make it more effective. The amended act includes new offences, expanded scope of presumptions, institutional strengthening, which inter-alia includes establishment of Exclusive Special Courts and specification of Exclusive Special Public Prosecutors to exclusively try the offences under the PoA Act to enable expeditious disposal of cases, power of Special Courts and Exclusive Special Courts to take direct cognizance of offences and as far as possible, completion of trial within two months from the date of filing of the charge sheet, establishing rights of victims and witnesses, and strengthening preventive measures. This Act also provides relief / compensation to the victims and also prescribes action to be taken by

the law implementing agencies in conjunction with IPC in the country. Police and Public Order are State Subject under the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. The State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations are primarily responsible for prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crimes within their jurisdiction including crimes against members of Scheduled Castes(SCs) and Scheduled Tribes(STs), as also for implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights(PCR) Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) {PoA} Act, 1989 . The Government has been reviewing with the law implementing agencies of the State Government for ensuring prompt registration of atrocities, speedy investigation of the offences and timely dispensing of cases by the Courts. Further, Government of India has issued advisories to the State Governments/UT Administrations from time to time for effective implementation of the PoA Act and Rules in letter and spirit.

(d) The number of ST category candidates recommended by UPSC during the last five years is given below:

Year	Number of ST candidates recommended
2016-17	295
2017-18	274
2018-19	177
2019-20	284
2020-21	168

(e) In this regard, the details of the beneficiaries under various Schemes / Programmes of Ministry of Tribal Affairs are given at **Annexure –III (A,B,C,D,E,F,G & H)**.

Annexure referred to in the reply of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *285 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021 regarding "Atrocities on Tribals"

Annexure-I

State/UT-wise Cases Registered (CR), Cases Chargesheeted (CCS), Cases Convicted (CON), Persons Arrested (PAR), Persons Chargesheeted (PCS) and Persons Convicted (PCV) under Total Crime against Scheduled Tribes (STs) during 2017-2019

SL	State/UT	2017						2018						2019					
		CR	CCS	CON	PAR	PCS	PCV	CR	CCS	CON	PAR	PCS	PCV	CR	CCS	CON	PAR	PCS	PCV
1	Andhra Pradesh	341	196	2	540	423	3	330	252	11	589	566	32	330	193	2	511	454	4
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Assam	65	45	0	65	49	0	6	1	0	3	1	0	4	1	0	3	1	0
4	Bihar	80	52	1	139	58	1	64	75	0	108	111	0	97	85	2	127	161	3
5	Chhattisgarh	399	399	10	576	607	11	388	377	41	624	598	53	427	387	39	660	624	55
6	Goa	2	4	0	0	22	0	5	3	1	1	3	1	2	2	0	0	2	0
7	Gujarat	319	294	4	890	820	4	311	272	1	810	837	1	321	289	5	727	752	7
8	Haryana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
9	Himachal Pradesh	3	5	0	19	12	0	1	2	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
10	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Jharkhand	237	109	25	187	164	26	224	84	3	131	117	5	342	242	10	237	302	10
12	Karnataka	401	352	4	837	823	17	322	317	2	726	759	2	327	249	3	800	769	9

34	Delhi	4	4	0	4	4	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	Puducherry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL UT(S)	11	10	3	12	22	7	4	5	0	2	22	0	5	1	0	10	6	0
	TOTAL (ALL INDIA)	7125	5818	744	10661	10035	1015	6528	5619	503	9726	10261	761	8257	6502	742	11091	12342	1149

Source: Crime in India

Note : Due to non-receipt of data from West Bengal in time for 2019, Data furnished for 2018 has been used

**Annexure referred to in the reply of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *285
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021 regarding "Atrocities on Tribals"**

States / UTs-wise details of total cases dealt and action taken by the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes regarding oppression of the tribal people during last three years (i.e. 2018-19, 2019-20 & 2020-21).

Name of State/UT	2018-19			2019-20			2020-21		
	Number of cases			Number of cases			Number of cases		
	Total No.	Resolved/ Closed	Under process #	Total No.	Resolved/ Closed	Under process #	Total No.	Resolved/ Closed	Under process #
Andhra Pradesh	73	05	68	96	23	73	40	04	36
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	12	-	12	02	-	02
Assam	05	-	05	17	01	16	01	-	01
Bihar	40	05	35	33	11	22	16	01	15
Chhattisgarh	112	44	68	185	92	93	19	02	17
Goa	05	01	04	02	-	02	01	-	01
Gujarat	24	03	21	30	01	29	07	01	06
Haryana	03	01	02	03	-	03	02	-	02
Himachal Pradesh	07	-	07	05	-	05	07	01	06
Jammu & Kashmir	02	01	01	-	-	-	04	-	04
Jharkhand	109	36	73	127	26	101	44	02	42
Karnataka	16	05	11	22	01	21	06	-	06
Kerala	09	03	06	04	02	02	02	-	02
Madhya Pradesh	248	57	191	160	28	132	55	06	49
Maharashtra	179	69	110	218	34	184	42	01	41
Manipur	05	-	05	09	-	09	04	-	04
Meghalaya	04	01	03	08	-	08	01	-	01
Mizoram	01	-	01	02	-	02	-	-	-
Nagaland	04	-	04	07	-	07	01	-	01
Odisha	85	47	38	80	33	47	42	02	40
Punjab	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rajasthan	353	264	89	233	25	208	38	01	37
Sikkim	02	-	02	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tamil Nadu	28	07	21	19	05	14	22	-	22
Telangana	34	01	33	100	14	86	42	-	42
Tripura	03	01	02	03	-	03	-	-	-
Uttar Pradesh	51	04	47	62	03	59	66	05	61
Uttara Khand	08	-	08	08	01	07	12	-	12
West Bengal	59	27	32	50	26	24	15	01	14
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	01	-	01	03	-	03	05	-	05
Chandigarh	01	-	-	01	-	01	01	-	01
Delhi	25	-	25	28	02	26	21	01	20
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	21	01	20	27	04	23	13	-	13
Daman & Diu	01	-	01	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puducherry	-	-	-	04	01	03	02	-	02
Lakshadweep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1518	583	934	1558	333	1225	533	28	505

Note: # Under process indicates cases already taken up with the concerned authorities but not yet finally resolved / closed.

Annexure – III A

Annexure referred to in the reply of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *285 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021 regarding “Atrocities on Tribals”

State-wise details of funds approved alongwith beneficiary details for Skill Development related activities under SCA to TSS during 2016-17 to 2020-21

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No	Name of State	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
		Funds Approved	Approx Beneficiaries								
1	Andhra Pradesh	40.00	50	300	450	0	0	0	0	0.00	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	15	50	0.00	0
3	Assam	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	440.00	1400
4	Bihar	430.18	4620	0	0	0	0	0	0	138.79	1368
5	Chhattisgarh	1990	5900	0	0	200	667	360	1200	0.00	0
6	Goa	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0
7	Gujarat	1524.00	700	1750	8540	1608	5360	1629.33	3625	900.00	6332
8	Himachal Pradesh	180.64	602	260	866	215	717	183.85	613	140.00	267
9	J & K	500.00	3000	100	333	0	0	0	0	0.00	0
10	Jharkhand	0.00	0	300	250	0	0	700.00	2333	1800.00	9000
11	Karnataka	0.00	0	1000.00	2000	0	0	250	833	1540.08	5133
12	Kerala	351.00	290	100.52	443	0	0	0	0	0.00	0
13	Madhya Pradesh	1177.19	6500	4100	7500	3492.67	11642	0	0	1120.55	3735
14	Maharashtra	1000.00	1000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0
15	Manipur	0.00	0	187.4	131	258.48	862	172.32	50	0.00	0
16	Meghalaya	0.00	0	0	0	498.55	1662	0	0	377.6	1259
17	Mizoram	0.00	0	0	0	300	1000	0	0	0.00	0
18	Nagaland	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	200	667	100.00	333
19	Odisha	7093.35	23645	5200	29378	3250	10833	2200	7333	299.00	997

S. No	Name of State	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
		Funds Approved	Approx Beneficiaries	Funds Approved	Approx Beneficiaries	Funds Approved	Approx Beneficiaries	Funds Approved	Approx Beneficiaries	Funds Approved	Approx Beneficiaries
20	Rajasthan	0.00	0	0	0	504	1680	800	267	475.00	1583
21	Sikkim	20.00	50	70.30	100	0	0	0	0	170.00	283.00
22	Tamilnadu	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75.75	252
23	Telangana	312.50	10000	800.00	2667	500	1667	150	500	0.00	0
24	Tripura	450.00	2093	290	1620	0	0	50	167	59.70	199
25	Uttar Pradesh	0.00	0	200.0	667	0.00	0	86.00	287	279.82	50
26	Uttarakhand	0.00	0	100.00	333	0	0	0	0	206.60	2040
27	West Bengal	990.00	5500	1370	7000	1438.5	4795	912	5000	605.00	2016
Total		16058.86	63950	13921.1	62278	12265.2	40885	6888.65	22925	8727.89	36247

Annexure referred to in the reply of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *285 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021 regarding "Atrocities on Tribals"

The list of number of beneficiaries for the Skill development approved by PAC under the scheme of Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution

S. No.	State	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1.	Assam	1120				
2.	Bihar					
3.	Chhattisgarh					3040
4.	Gujarat	17000	3913			566
5.	Himachal Pradesh	400	480	376	260	66
6.	Jharkhand			10416		
7.	Karnataka			2000		
8.	Madhya Pradesh	4800		2400		
9.	Maharashtra			931	1166	1833
10.	Manipur					1166
11.	Meghalaya		300		1663	
12.	Mizoram		186	1673	816	200
13.	Nagaland		853	316		
14.	Rajasthan				1000	666
15.	Telangana	10000				
16.	Tripura			366		
17.	West Bengal			326	330	

Note- The numbers are on estimated basis as per proposals received from States and approval thereof by PAC. However, the actual number of beneficiaries and other details are maintained by respective States.

Annexure IIIC

Annexure referred to in the reply of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *285 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021 regarding "Atrocities on Tribals"

**STATE-WISE STATUS OF ESTABLISHMENT OF VAN DHAN VIKAS KENDRAS
ALONG WITH NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES**

S. No.	State	No. of VDVKS Sanctioned	No. of Tribal Beneficiaries	Total Funds Sanctioned (In Rs. Lakhs)
1	Andhra Pradesh	263	77658	3882.9
2	Assam	128	37786	1920
3	Bihar	8	1630	81.5
4	Chhattisgarh	139	41700	2085
5	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	1	302	15
6	Goa	10	3000	150
7	Gujarat	116	34424	1721.2
8	Ladakh	10	3000	150
9	Jharkhand	39	11601	569.7
10	Karnataka	39	11448	572.4
11	Kerala	28	7732	385.25
12	Madhya Pradesh	86	25800	1290
13	Maharashtra	264	79350	3960
14	Manipur	200	60390	2996.8
15	Meghalaya	39	11835	584.1
16	Mizoram	159	46168	2306.55

17	Nagaland	206	61800	3090
18	Odisha	156	46807	2269.25
19	Rajasthan	189	57292	2832.2
20	Sikkim	80	24000	1169.05
21	Tamil Nadu	7	2100	105
22	Telangana	17	5100	255
23	Tripura	32	9039	436.95
24	Uttar Pradesh	12	3591	179.55
25	Uttarakhand	12	3305	164.95
	Total	2240	666858	33172.35

Annexure referred to in the reply of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *285 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021 regarding "Atrocities on Tribals"

NATIONAL SCHEDULED TRIBES FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (NSTFDC)

Statewise Funds Disbursed and No. of beneficiaries assisted during the F. Y. 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	State	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
		Disbursement	Number of beneficiaries								
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	691.30	155	2961.24	598	781.72	139	1285.03	276	5022.24	12533
2	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	245.00	7501		
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1016.73	12306	689.50	10410	324.25	3773	0.00	0	970.52	435
4	ASSAM	172.32	2982	19.06	123	4.92	12	58.20	167	5.00	2

5	CHHATTI SGARH	506.4 7	307	1348. 85	553	533.5 5	363	932.1 6	3787	197.4 9	236
6	GUJARAT	3848. 22	24883	4739. 90	10812	2329. 32	7485	394.7 5	98	1442. 03	8230
7	HARYAN A					0.41	1	0.00	0		
8	HIMACHA L PRADES H	42.30	2069	79.83	61	82.30	65	40.83	75	13.40	2
9	JAMMU & KASHMIR	172.5 0	150	370.0 5	195	1249. 50	327	446.2 5	135	408.7 5	175
10	JHARKHA ND	411.9 1	3908	4.05	7	85.70	5	633.1 7	3767	1001. 60	10752
11	KARNATA KA	0.00	0	0.00	0	26.89	34	47.38	1911	3109. 08	3014
12	KERALA	129.9 1	152	95.72	88	143.4 0	107	128.3 1	89	298.7 6	192
13	MADHYA PRADES H	1084. 70	942	2157. 20	2209	2014. 57	2265	4176. 26	13282	3360. 10	5685
14	MAHARA SHTRA					9.43	11	1167. 56	687	37.27	822
15	MANIPUR									62.37	65
16	MEGHAL AYA	244.6 4	983	663.2 5	2726	3090. 60	2329	1745. 18	1412	4485. 43	35016
17	MIZORAM	2277. 87	26935	3456. 09	2347	2136. 81	1464	6459. 22	4670	3324. 18	1399

18	NAGALAN D	79.50	22	2574. 19	631	1582. 23	10504	2413. 22	51918	1098. 72	48240
19	ODISHA	153.6 0	495	310.8 7	1566	199.6 2	353	2298. 15	11230	1794. 44	22231
20	RAJASTH AN	1409. 58	1475	3447. 84	2563	1470. 54	1364	2311. 39	3993	2205. 16	2664
21	SIKKIM	623.9 0	230	198.5 6	86	0.92	1	253.3 0	100	82.11	21
22	TAMIL NADU					47.32	65	28.50	2775	12.50	1609
23	TELANGA NA	5000. 00	21000	0.00	0	10477 .15	30417	2740. 07	8661	5359. 23	13065
24	TRIPURA	4428. 31	3644	3054. 20	3116	1009. 00	429	71.41	24	2216. 28	1056
25	UTTAR PRADES H	0.00	0	301.3 2	847	3.73	3	0.00	0	1.55	4
26	UTTARAK HAND	21.60	18	71.98	104	444.9 2	170	102.3 7	23	6.15	2
27	WEST BENGAL	747.6 0	4370	528.6 4	3327	1283. 30	9078	558.8 6	4250	275.6 4	2089
	TOTAL	23062 .96	107,026	27072 .34	42,369	29332 .1	70,764	28536 .57	120,831	36790 .00	169,539

Annexure referred to in the reply of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *285 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021 regarding "Atrocities on Tribals"

A. STATE WISE NO. OF BENEFICIARIES COVERED DURING 2016-17 TO 2020-21 UNDER THE SCHEME OF GRANT-IN-AID TO VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS WORKING FOR WELFARE OF STs.

S.No.	Name of State	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	Andhra Pradesh	55488	49887	19966	26906	35940
2	Arunachal Pradesh	88711	293200	93022	209365	209699
3	Assam	73409	85060	97368	49151	24155
4	Chhattisgarh	2026	22624	11955	5138	16891
5	Gujarat	260526	63063	179086	160280	167172
6	Himachal Pradesh	1215	2350	2462	1882	2144
7	Jharkhand	177506	481132	645785	504026	179191
8	Jammu & Kashmir	-	140	100	366	240
9	Karnataka	21544	60821	179259	98994	64204
10	Kerala	82022	85228	62259	-	125056
11	Madhya Pradesh	17257	3504	5785	4481	1743
12	Maharashtra	4881	24105	3457	13706	3039
13	Manipur	4093	3698	4191	5969	8966
14	Meghalaya	41904	140869	182650	183368	92884
15	Mizoram	2411	2650	8402	5502	1049
16	Nagaland	-	-	143	-	-
17	Orissa	60071	70982	170508	117553	47087
18	Rajasthan	802	225	1738	1549	1762
19	Sikkim	190	647	617	412	111
20	Tamilnadu	53862	269544	482619	194619	105938
21	Telangana	6168	5504	400	91	392
22	Tripura	200	200	400	400	533
23	Uttarakhand	2839	1440	1005	1071	1239
24	Uttar Pradesh	247	489	-	-	680
25	West Bengal	16525	180202	197149	141774	159688
26	Delhi	92	160	50	-	98
	Total	973989	1847724	2350376	1726603	1249901

B. STATE WISE NO. OF BENEFICIARIES COVERED DURING 2016-17 TO 2018-19 UNDER THE SCHEME OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE IN TRIBAL AREAS (VTC).

Name of the State	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Assam	300	600	300
Karnataka	-	200	100
Madhya Pradesh	-	260	100
Meghalaya	-	200	100
Nagaland	80	-	100
Tamil Nadu	100	200	100
TOTAL	480	1460	800

***Projects of Vocation Training Centers have been discontinued from 2019-20.**

Annexure referred to in the reply of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *285 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021 regarding "Atrocities on Tribals"

The list of enrolment of students in EMRSs during the last five years

Sl. No	State / UT	Enrollment				
		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
1	Andhra Pradesh	2692	2800	3424	4609	4930
2	Arunachal Pradesh	224	240	208	100	158
3	Assam			480	480	480
4	Bihar					
5	Chhattisgarh	6257	6780	7961	11519	12502
6	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu				120	180
7	Gujarat	9682	10172	10156	10974	8689
8	Himachal Pradesh	215	210	312	422	402
9	Jammu & Kashmir					
10	Jharkhand	1991	2829	3558	3084	2709
11	Karnataka	2385	2879	3053	3638	2792
12	Kerala	503	600	535	520	424
13	Ladakh					
14	Madhya Pradesh	9568	10270	12946	20657	19712
15	Maharashtra	3347	4103	5067	6272	5744
16	Manipur	1182	1170	1440	1439	1429
17	Meghalaya					
18	Mizoram	361	400	396	856	1051
19	Nagaland	529	583	619	640	672
20	Odisha	5547	5340	5821	6711	5724
21	Rajasthan	4940	5350	4947	5938	5613
22	Sikkim	844	915	979	987	1055
23	Tamil Nadu	1498	1553	2186	2506	2685
24	Telangana	3134	4160	3960	5815	5387
25	Tripura	1575	1680	1740	1824	1880
26	Uttar Pradesh	427	630	473	495	495
27	Uttarakhand	394	279	393	514	589
28	West Bengal	2623	2662	2737	400	398
	Grand Total	59918	65605	73391	90520	85700*

*Tentative figure as the admission process is still on.

Annexure III G

Annexure referred to in the reply of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *285 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021 regarding "Atrocities on Tribals"

Fund Released and Beneficiaries under Scholarship Schemes during last 5 years

Financial Year	Pre-Matric Scholarship		Post-Matric Scholarship		National Scholarship for Higher Education (Top Class)		National Fellowship (NFST)		National Overseas Scholarship (NOS)		Total	
	Fund Released	Beneficiaries	Fund Released	Beneficiaries	Fund Released	Beneficiaries	Fund Released	Beneficiaries	Fund Released	Beneficiaries	Fund Released	Beneficiaries
2016-17	84.17	1135446	1555.67	1870731	6.87	510	73.13	2193	0.39	16	1720.23	3008896
2017-18	294.08	1434362	1463.87	1932627	29.77	1958	69.95	3288	1.00	20	1858.67	3372255
2018-19	311.5	1284608	1646.98	1746905	18.4	1983	81.6	2519	2.00	20	2060.48	3036035
2019-20	439.99	1271112	1862.65	2060508	19.1	1914	80.9	2552	2.00	20	2404.64	3336106
2020-21	248.9	1287985	1829.08	1856571	29.3	2449	90.7	2625	4.76	20	2202.74	3149650

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2020-21	248.9	1287985	1829.08	1856571	29.3	2449	90.7	2625	4.76	20	2202.74	3149650

The details of funds released to states/UTs along with beneficiary during Last five Years under the scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for ST students

(Amount in Lakh)

Sl. No	State/ UT	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
		Fund Release	Beneficiaries								
1	Andaman & Nicobar	0.00	167	0.00	544	10.09	439	11.34	447	13.29	700
2	Andhra Pradesh	9777.62	65173	8269.11	71687	13945.02	59146	7797.07	158195	6039.35	71820
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1136.32	22564	5803.65	18863	1883.82	26000	6113.41	20500	5712.96	31916
4	Assam	266.65	29423	2516.48	26867	3248.03	79526	4867.20	55507	5413.54	54846
5	Bihar	0.00	0	71.25	9950	0.00	12544	1525.43	13938	708.22	19513
6	Chhattisgarh	2674.82	135586	3811.26	143320	4609.57	154656	7022.69	144453	8790.24	140163
7	Dadar & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3481.73	6180
8	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	0.00	0	0.00	3720	0.00	2115	88.66	5618	—	—
9	Daman & Diu	53.63	328	26.19	196	3.41	192	0.00	351	—	—
10	Goa	645.00	1924	364.80	4442	536.26	0	732.79	5870	458.18	6412
11	Gujarat	22040.27	192322	14609.74	214605	32429.12	0	14004.48	202667	22977.64	0
12	Himachal Pradesh	931.36	3739	3123.36	10747	278.15	4729	2468.81	3009	0.00	5121

13	Jammu & Kashmir	2587.84	13854	2322.56	16905	637.93	27900	1048.29	10685	805.44	27839
14	Jharkhand	8148.39	82422	2716.50	73385	5281.32	76782	7862.86	79823	0.00	78755
15	Karnataka	8540.00	109943	8873.31	101059	7341.33	111614	15003.43	118083	0.00	129094
16	Kerala	3122.00	15834	2745.46	16111	2674.37	16245	1641.52	16583	3285.25	15820
17	Ladakh	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	738.00	8200
18	Madhya Pradesh	13054.00	263176	10320.50	272714	13405.24	289095	12198.58	244126	12344.00	279722
19	Maharashtra	22092.28	163321	10884.91	147262	15238.15	131000	15575.38	139550	18149.52	127848
20	Manipur	3385.20	59995	6382.55	59661	2026.76	22644	6235.55	30969	2184.19	50000
21	Meghalaya	3189.00	54900	770.50	35305	2457.52	0	0.00	0	0.00	17315
22	Mizoram	4267.52	42072	2434.73	51983	3528.21	47948	4415.78	38174	3446.82	15828
23	Nagaland	1344.00	44404	2515.00	28949	4716.66	38380	3268.73	40164	3226.37	37183
24	Odisha	15556.48	176579	8784.18	185888	14801.92	196667	16640.15	171532	19095.97	155309
25	Puducherry	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	23	19.56	38
26	Rajasthan	9800.00	126965	19912.49	135523	13598.95	269659	25950.52	286652	25557.03	315315
27	Sikkim	938.16	2605	1247.32	2962	1134.36	4299	566.80	4431	553.83	3488
28	Tamil Nadu	3061.85	23574	2440.39	21605	3933.65	29622	5025.19	29478	3328.99	21593
29	Telangana	11483.00	112236	18031.25	153845	9921.68	58253	19610.60	129243	27297.83	118347
30	Tripura	1323.90	21001	2756.25	23020	3626.55	22896	2355.78	23720	4804.98	26092
31	Uttar Pradesh	1057.50	5322	1244.91	2779	1210.54	0	1822.71	17984	2218.67	19782
32	Uttarakhand	5090.57	15401	600.25	8335	0.00	6133	0.00	6499	0.00	3528
33	West Bengal	0.00	85901	2807.89	90395	2219.39	58421	2411.00	62234	2256.42	68804
	Total	155567.36	1870731	146386.79	1932627	164698.00	1746905	186264.75	2060508	182908.02	1856571

The details of funds released to states/UTs along with beneficiary during Last five Years under the scheme of Pre Matric Scholarship for ST students

(Amount in Lakh)

Sl. No	State/ UT	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
		Fund Release	Beneficiaries								
1	Andaman & Nicobar	0.00	325	0.00	353	5.00	222	5.62	249	12.33	450
2	Andhra Pradesh	0.00	39466	5282.94	34529	1210.81	0	736.32	28124	1433.81	12647
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	2594	0.00	3794	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	5771.00
4	Assam	321.33	0	0.00	10040	0.00	12933	0.00	2869	17.27	2710
5	Bihar	0.00	0	0.00	67115	0.00	46096	7131.47	46096	0.00	55198
6	Chhattisgarh	2534.15	207956	1805.30	191864	4755.63	194413	4796.94	143986	3541.54	134262
7	Dadar & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	234.00	3452
8	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	0.00	0	0.00	5226	20.00	4399	38.49	5044	—	—
9	Daman & Diu	0.00	356	8.04	468	0.00	332	5.89	377	—	—
10	Goa	52.64	3721	3.75	3640	80.83	3582	80.56	3332	41.35	3475
11	Gujarat	80.81	188593	3650.84	151113	4482.31	0	5248.34	0	2198.84	0
12	Himachal Pradesh	51.21	1972	0.00	1705	38.91	3582	83.92	2709	91.87	3534
13	Jammu & Kashmir	0.00	6131	0.00	4979	0.00	25920	0.00	0	0.00	11470

14	Jharkhand	0.00	92743	1704.53	104942	2345.92	119877	1514.49	106761	0.00	83511
15	Karnataka	0.00	52096	1364.59	59448	1256.31	62126	1846.92	87364	0.00	72626
16	Kerala	796.40	14464	0.00	14265	308.73	12121	287.31	7858	116.56	9880
17	Ladakh	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	42.27	3450
18	Madhya Pradesh	0.00	151611	5539.17	362120	5884.33	359092	7698.90	318870	5429.34	314356
19	Maharashtra	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	111939
20	Manipur	867.38	22401	619.09	9189	773.00	21006	443.33	24760	0.00	0
21	Meghalaya	0.00	3273	156.69	966	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	790
22	Mizoram	336.36	9843	132.25	9783	319.79	14880	702.21	16890	167.86	11046
23	Nagaland	0.00	18780	0.00	10715	0.00	0	0.00	1500	60.75	3000
24	Odisha	3376.36	222837	5134.98	211425	6665.88	204916	6157.65	219875	6944.96	173833
25	Puducherry	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	60	1.63	21
26	Rajasthan	0.00	0	3284.79	101696	1716.12	136915	5346.97	184163	3126.90	215040
27	Sikkim	0.00	297	25.72	212	7.97	247	3.57	415	9.41	414
28	Tamil Nadu	0.00	6602	0.00	12676	0.00	12800	589.74	13423	241.00	13471
29	Telangana	0.00	28966	358.02	6196	693.84	354	0.00	5570	0.00	856
30	Tripura	0.00	16723	232.89	11662	0.00	12353	386.18	10980	252.09	9404
31	Uttar Pradesh	0.00	8760	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
32	Uttarakhand	0.00	5687	104.44	6256	0.00	2572	0.00	2504	138.24	1329
33	West Bengal	0.00	29249	0.00	37985	584.62	33870	894.18	37333	788.22	30050
	Total	8416.64	1135446	29408.03	1434362	31150.00	1284608	43999.00	1271112	24890.24	1287985

Note:- State Govt. of Uttar Pradesh had not submitted the requisite documents/proposals from 2013-14 to 2020-21. Therefore no fund released during this period. However, during the current F.Y. State Govt. has submitted the documents and accordingly an amount of Rs. 88.17 lakhs is released vide sanction order dated 28th June 2021.

Statement about beneficiaries under FRA:

As per information received from State governments, till 28.02.2021, 42,64,820 claims (41,14,501 individual and 1,50,319 community claims) have been filed and 20,01,919 titles (19,24,417 individual and 77,502 community) have been distributed. A total of 38,03,515 (89.18%) claims have been disposed of under FRA.

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 45
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2021**

ATAL BEEMIT VYAKTI KALYAN YOJANA

45. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

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

- (a) whether the scheme Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana (ABVKY) has been introduced on pilot basis for a period of 2 years for providing relief to the Insured Persons who have become unemployed;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and total number of persons covered under the scheme in the country including district Gopalganj of Bihar;**
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Government has extended ABVKY for the next financial year, if so, the details thereof and the aims and objective behind the extension; and**
- (d) the steps taken/being taken to strengthen the working condition of persons working in unorganised sector in the country including gig workers?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)**

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana (ABVKY) is a welfare scheme of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), under which unemployed insured persons are provided cash relief for a period of maximum 90 days. The rate of relief under the scheme originally was 25% of the average daily earnings of the claimant which has been increased to 50%. The scheme came into force on 01.07.2018. It was initially implemented on a Pan India pilot basis for a period of two years.

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Till 09.07.2021, a total of Rs. 73.23 crores have been disbursed among 55,125 beneficiaries, out of which an amount of Rs. 63.65 lakh has been paid to 560 beneficiaries in Bihar. At present there is no beneficiary under the scheme from district of Gopalganj of Bihar.

(c): Yes, Sir. ABVKY was extended for another year i.e. from 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021 and in order to provide relief to those insured persons who became unemployed during the Covid-19 Pandemic, conditions for the scheme w.e.f. 24.03.2020 were revised as under: -

- i. The rate of relief under the scheme was enhanced from 25% of average per day earnings to 50% of average per day earnings and the contributory condition was relaxed.**
- ii. The waiting period to file claim was reduced from 90 days to 30 days.**
- iii. Mandatory filing through employer and submission of affidavit by the claimant was dispensed with.**

The Scheme has further been extended for another year i.e. up to 30.06.2022 with existing relaxed terms and conditions, and enhanced relief.

(d): As part of labour reforms, the government has recently notified "The Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code 2020," to ensure better working conditions for the workers including unorganised workers. The Code inter-alia has provisions for cleanliness and hygiene, ventilation, adequate lighting, dust free environment, flexible working for women workers, crèche facilities for their children, toll free helpline for the inter-State migrant workers, etc.

It is for the first time that the Code on Social Security, 2020 provide for definition of gig worker and platform worker in the country. The Code envisages framing of schemes for unorganised workers, gig workers and platform workers. Further, the Code on Social Security, 2020 envisages a contribution between one to two per cent of annual turnover of an aggregator subject to maximum five per cent of the amount paid or payable by an aggregator to gig workers and platform workers. This shall be credited to the Social Security Fund. However, the same has not come into effect.

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 170
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2021**

RELIEF MEASURES FOR DEPENDENTS

170. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government for giving social security relief for dependents of workers who have died due to Covid-19; and**
(b) the State-wise details of total number of workers who died due to Covid-19?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)**

(a): In order to provide help and succour to the families of the Insured Persons (IPs) who died due to COVID-19, Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has on 03.06.2021 launched ESIC COVID-19 Relief Scheme. Under this scheme 90% of average wages of deceased Insured Person shall be paid to the eligible dependents of the Insured Person who died due to COVID-19. The Scheme is effective for a period of two years w.e.f. 24.03.2020. The eligibility conditions for relief under the scheme are:-

- i. The IP who died due to COVID-19 disease must have been registered on the ESIC online portal at least three months prior to the date of diagnosis of COVID-19 disease resulting in his/ her death.**

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ii. The deceased IP must have been in employment on the date of diagnosis of COVID-19 disease and contributions for at least 70 days should have been paid or payable in respect of him/ her during a period of maximum one year immediately preceding the diagnosis of COVID-19 disease resulting in death.

2. Till 09.07.2021, total 1225 claims have been received out of which 307 have been sanctioned.

3. Further, the Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 envisages benefits, namely (i) maintaining of Employees' Provident Fund accumulations, (ii) Employees' Pension and Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme (EDLI). During the period April 2020 to June 2021, pension was granted to 50373 dependents of deceased members of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation involving an amount of Rs.382.84 crore. Further, insurance benefit was granted to 43632 dependents of deceased members, amounting to Rs.1115.67 crore under the Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme.

4. In order to provide relief to the dependents of workers who died during the period, the scheme of EDLI was amended providing for minimum assurance benefit of ₹2.5 lakh to eligible family members of deceased employees. In addition, the maximum insurance amount under EDLI was enhanced from Rs. 6 lakh to Rs. 7 lakh.

(b) Under the ESIC COVID-19 Relief Scheme, a total 1225 claims have been received till 09.07.2021. State wise details of these claims are enclosed at Annexure. Separate data of workers who died due to COVID-19 is not maintained.

ANNEXURE**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 170 FOR 19.07.2021 ASKED BY SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI REGARDING RELIEF MEASURES FOR DEPENDENTS.****State-wise number of claims received under ESIC COVID-19 Relief Scheme****(As on 09.07.2021)**

State	No. of Claims
Andhra Pradesh	123
Assam	7
Bihar	11
Chhattisgarh	26
Delhi	101
Goa	2
Gujarat	109
Haryana	38
Himachal Pradesh	24
Jammu & Kashmir	1
Jharkhand	5
Karnataka	91
Kerala	49
Madhya Pradesh	75
Maharashtra	167
Odisha	26
Puducherry	12
Punjab	48
Rajasthan	62
Tamil Nadu	134
Telangana	31
Utter Pradesh	45
Uttaranchal	17
West Bengal	21
Total	1225

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 949
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2021**

COLLECTIVE DEMANDS OF EPS PENSIONERS

949. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken or proposes to increase basic pension and to provide dearness allowance and free health care facilities to the EPS pensioners of 1995 and their families;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;**
- (d) whether the Government has received any representation with regard to collective demands of EPS pensioners of 1995; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): Representations have been received from individual as well as pensioners associations raising various demands including some of the major demands:-

- (i) To increase the minimum monthly pension;**
- (ii) To link the monthly pension with cost of living index;**
- (iii) To provide free medical facilities or coverage under Ayushman Bharat Scheme of the pensioners and their spouse;**
- (iv) Payment of pension on Higher Wages to employees of exempted establishments;**
- (v) restoration of the commuted value of pension.**

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The Government had, for the first time, provided a minimum pension of Rs. 1000/- per month to the pensioners under EPS, 1995 from 01.09.2014 by providing additional budgetary support. In addition Government provides budgetary support of 1.16% of wages of the member to Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).

The details of funds released to the EPFO during the last three years towards Government of India's statutory contribution of 1.16 per cent and minimum pension of Rs.1000/- per month under the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 are as follows:

(Rupees in Crore)

Year	1.16% Contribution	Grants-in-aid towards minimum pension	Total
2018-19	3900.00	1000.00	4900.00
2019-20	3696.67	1400.00	5096.97
2020-21	6027.61	1491.40	7519.01

To consider the demands of Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS), 1995 pensioners, the Government had constituted a High Empowered Monitoring Committee (HEMC) for complete evaluation and review of EPS 1995. The Committee did not recommend linking the monthly pension under EPS, 1995 with cost of living index as according to actuarial evaluation linking EPS, 1995 with price index, i.e. D.A. relief will severely affect the financial health of the Pension Fund.

The Government proposes to extend medical benefits to EPS, 1995 pensioners drawing minimum pension upto Rs.1000/- per month under EPS, 1995 and residing in Delhi through a pilot scheme.

The issue of higher pension on actual salary is currently sub-judice before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

The recommendation of the HEMC to restore commuted value of pension after expiry of 15 years for EPS pensioners who had opted for commutation has been notified w.e.f. 20.02.2020.

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1003
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH JULY, 2021**

ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT ROJGAR SCHEME IN RAJASTHAN

1003. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

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

- (a) the salient features of Atmnirbhar Bharat Rojgar Scheme;**
- (b) the details of funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this scheme in Rajasthan so far;**
- (c) the district-wise details of the people registered under this scheme in Rajasthan so far;**
- (d) the details of target fixed and achievements made so far;**
- (e) whether the Government has planned to expand this scheme in the country; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the details of target fixed under this expansion?**

ANSWER

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

(a): Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY) has been launched as part of Atmanirbhar Bharat package 3.0 to incentivize employers for creation of 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. Under the scheme:

- An employee drawing monthly wage of less than Rs. 15000/- who was not working in any establishment registered with the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) before 1st October, 2020 is eligible for the benefit. The employees who lost their job during Covid-19 pandemic and didn't join in any EPF covered establishment upto 30.09.2020 are also eligible for the benefit.**
- Government of India is crediting for a period of two years, both the employee's share (12% of wages) and employer's share (12% of wages) of contribution payable or only the employee's share, depending on employment strength of the EPFO registered establishments.**

- **The scheme has commenced from 1st October 2020 and shall remain open for registration of eligible employers and new employees upto 31st March, 2022. Government is paying the subsidy for two years from the date of registration.**

(b) & (c): As on 16.07.2021, benefit of Rs. 57.29 crore has been provided to 1.29 lakh beneficiaries through 6439 establishments in Rajasthan. The district-wise details of people registered and benefitted under the scheme in the State is at Annexure.

(d) to (f): There is no specific State-wise allocation of funds under the scheme. The scheme is intended to benefit a total of 71.80 lakh beneficiaries. As on 16.07.2021, benefit of Rs. 1143.40 crore has been provided to 24.89 lakh employees through 89070 establishments under the scheme.

Mass awareness has been created through large-scale publicity through seminars and workshops with both the employers & employers' associations and employees and union representatives. Moreover, EPFO is also promoting the scheme through social media platforms. Further, to increase the coverage, the registration of beneficiaries which was initially only upto 30.06.2021 has been extended till 31.03.2022.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) & (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1003 FOR 26-07-2021 REGARDING “ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT ROJGAR SCHEME IN RAJASTHAN”.

List of Beneficiary Establishments (Estts), Employees and Amount of Benefit (as on 16.07.2021)

Sr. No.	District	Establishments	No. of Beneficiaries	BENEFIT AMOUNT (In Rs.)
1	AJMER	236	4,171	20,832,955
2	ALWAR	617	17,015	61,700,841
3	BANSWARA	20	925	2,586,421
4	BARAN	25	385	1,707,011
5	BARMER	74	641	3,163,551
6	BHARATPUR	98	1,413	9,606,786
7	BHILWARA	362	8,836	38,986,415
8	BIKANER	230	3,270	20,202,316
9	BUNDI	24	303	1,320,716
10	CHITTAURGARH	146	3,166	16,139,945
11	CHURU	32	414	1,818,249
12	DAUSA	40	688	4,212,582
13	DHAULPUR	25	424	1,929,878
14	DUNGARPUR	17	667	2,954,750
15	HANUMANGARH	48	718	3,120,669
16	JAIPUR	2,250	48,431	206,522,989
17	JAISALMER	53	873	3,823,015
18	JALOR	24	208	1,517,430
19	JHALAWAR	48	1,774	4,925,756
20	JHUNJHUNUN	62	602	3,584,548
21	JODHPUR	596	8,585	50,012,787
22	KARALI	10	116	835,806
23	KOTA	341	5,157	21,255,491
24	NAGPUR	106	1,474	7,315,018
25	PALI	208	3,378	19,117,344
26	PRATAPGARH	12	132	593,012
27	RAJSAMAND	42	515	2,284,645
28	SAWAI MADHOPUR	16	319	1,468,796
29	SIKAR	107	1,719	9,448,661
30	SIROHI	73	1,368	5,920,861
31	SRI GANGANAGAR	109	2,258	11,362,217
32	TONK	59	700	3,975,025
33	UDAIPUR	329	8,967	28,706,556
	GRAND TOTAL	6,439	129,612	572,953,042

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1011
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2021

TRIBAL SCHEMES IN ASSAM AND NER

1011. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the top five major schemes for the tribal population of the country;
- (b) the total funds allocated under all schemes in the last five years and the percentage of fund allocation to the North East Region;
- (c) the details of the percentage of tribal population that have benefited so far from the schemes in Assam?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

(a) Government is implementing Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP)/Schedule Tribe Component (STC) for overall development of tribal people across the country. Central Ministries/Departments and State Governments allocate certain percentage of their total Scheme allocation for tribal development as Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) funds. Five schemes of Central Ministries/Departments having major allocation under TSP are as under:

- i. Food Subsidy to Food Corporation of India under National Food Security Act
- ii. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)
- iii. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan)
- iv. Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) / National Rural Drinking Water Mission
- v. Samagra Shiksha

In so far as the Ministry of Tribal Affairs is concerned the brief details of five major schemes/programmes for tribal development being implemented are given at **Annexure**.

(b) & (c) The total funds allocated (Budget Estimate) for all the schemes of Ministry of Tribal Affairs in the last five years are Rs 30260.97 crore. Further, an amount of Rs 161017.23 crore has been allocated under Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) by obligated Ministries/Departments excluding Ministry of Tribal Affairs during last five financial years. As per the guidelines issued by erstwhile Planning Commission, Central Ministries/Departments are required to earmark at least 10 percent of their budget allocation for specific programmes for the development of the North Eastern Region. Pursuant to these guidelines, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been allocating funds for development of the North-Eastern States. Funds provided are usually in excess of 10 percent of the total budget allocation.

TSP funds are spent by different Central Ministries / Departments under their schemes for various development projects relating to education, health, agriculture, irrigation, roads, housing, drinking water, electrification, employment generation, skill development, etc. for socio-economic development of Scheduled Tribe communities across the country including the State of Assam.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1011 for 26.07.2021 by SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE regarding "TRIBAL SCHEMES IN ASSAM AND NER"

Brief details of five major Schemes/Programmes being implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs in the country:

(i) Post Matric Scholarship to ST students: The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the Scheduled Tribe students studying at Post-matriculation or Post-secondary levels to enable them to complete their education. Parental income from all sources should not be more than Rs.2.50 lakhs per annum. The tuition fee as fixed by the state fee regulatory committee is reimbursed and Scholarship amount of Rs.230 to Rs.1200 per month, depending upon the course of study is paid. The Scheme is implemented by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. Funding ratio is 75:25 between Centre and States for all States except NE and Hilly States/UTs of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Jammu and Kashmir where it is 90:10. For UT's without legislature sharing pattern is 100% Central Share.

(ii) Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS): The scheme of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) was introduced in the year 1997-98 to impart quality education exclusively to ST children with an objective to provide quality middle and high-level education to Scheduled Tribe (ST) students in remote areas in order to enable them to avail of reservation in high and professional educational courses and get jobs in government and public and private sectors. Realizing the importance of the EMRS, in the Union Budget of 2018-19, Government announced that "The Government is committed to provide the best quality education to the tribal children in their own environment. To realize this mission, it has been decided that by the year 2022, every block with more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons, will have an Eklavya Model Residential School. Eklavya schools will be on par with Navodaya Vidyalayas and will have special facilities for preserving local art and culture besides providing training in sports and skill development."

It was a component of Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution. During 2018-19, a separate scheme was introduced. In terms of the aforesaid Budget announcement, Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), in its meeting held on 17.12.18, inter-alia approved the revamping of the EMRS Scheme.

(iii) Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution: Under the programme of Proviso to Article 275(1) of Constitution, Grants are released to 26 States, having ST population for raising the level of Administration in Scheduled Areas and for the welfare of tribal people. This is a Special Area Programme and 100% grants are provided to States. Funds are released to the States Governments depending on the felt needs of ST population to bridge the gap in infrastructure activities in the fields of education, health, skill development, livelihood, drinking water, sanitation, etc.

(iv) Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS): Under scheme of Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS) 100% grants is provided to the State Governments for activities related to education, health, sanitation, water supply, livelihood, skill development, Ashram Schools, Boys and Girls Hostels, Vocational Training Centres (VTCs), minor infrastructure, etc. to bridge the gap between Scheduled Tribe (ST) population and others as a critical gap filling measure.

(v) Pre-Matric Scholarships to ST students: The scheme is applicable to students who are studying in Classes IX –X. Parental income from all sources should not be more than Rs.2.50 lakhs per annum. Scholarship of Rs.225/-per month for day scholars and Rs.525/-per month for hostellers is given for a period of 10 months in a year. Scholarship is disbursed through the State Government/UT Administration. Funding ratio is 75:25 between Centre and States for all States except North East and Hills States like Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Jammu and Kashmir where it is 90:10. For UT's without legislature sharing pattern is 100% Central Share.

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

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1012
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2021**

LABOUR PROTECTION IN TERMS OF JOB SECURITY

1012. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the labourers working on construction sites can avail medical benefits under the Employees' State Insurance Scheme;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government is planning to strengthen the labour protection in terms of job security, wages, working conditions, social security and welfare; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) had covered construction site workers w.e.f. 31.07.2015. However, on the plea of Builders' Association, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has granted stay on the coverage of construction site workers. The stay is still in force and the matter is sub judice.

(c) & (d): The Government has enacted four Labour Codes; namely, the Code on Wages, 2019, the Industrial Relations Code, 2020, the Code on Social Security, 2020 and the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 with the objective to provide minimum and timely wages, a safe working environment to protect health of workers in order to create positive impact on their lives, welfare facilities in establishments, extension of the coverage of social security to workers including unorganised workers, gig workers and platform workers, etc.

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

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1053
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2021**

EPS CONTRIBUTION

1053. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:

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

- (a) whether it is true that the Government has not given its EPS contribution to Employees' Provident Fund Organisation since 2014-15;**
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the quantum of pending arrears in this regard as on date; and**
- (c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The details of funds released to the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) since 2014-15 towards Government of India's statutory contribution of 1.16 per cent under the Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS), 1995 are as follows:

Year	Funds released (Rupees in Crores)
2014-15	2,299.80
2015-16	3,030.20
2016-17	3,525.00
2017-18	4,040.18
2018-19	3,900.00
2019-20	3696.67
2020-21	6027.61

As on 31.03.2021, there is a cumulative arrear of Rs.10,589.20 crore (provisional).

(c): Keeping in view the trend, a provision of Rs. 6364 crore has been made in Budget Estimates 2021-22 towards Government of India's statutory contribution under EPS, 1995.

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1055
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2021**

SOCIAL SECURITY RELIEF MEASURES FOR DEPENDENTS

**1055. SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:
SHRIMATI GODDETI MADHAVI:
SHRI N. REDDEPPA:
SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:
SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:
SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:
SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:**

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

- (a) whether the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) and Employee Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) have revised their schemes to provide social security relief measures for the dependents of workers who died due to COVID-19;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of people who have benefitted through the revision of schemes;**
- (c) whether EPFO has now allowed its members to avail a second non-refundable advance to meet their financial needs during COVID-19; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): In order to provide help and succour to the families of the Insured Persons (IPs) who died due to COVID-19, Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has on 03.06.2021 launched ESIC

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COVID-19 Relief Scheme. Under this scheme 90% of average wages of deceased Insured Person shall be paid to the eligible dependents of the Insured Person who died due to COVID-19. The Scheme is effective for a period of two years w.e.f. 24.03.2020. The eligibility conditions for relief under the scheme are:-

- i. The IP who died due to COVID-19 disease must have been registered on the ESIC online portal at least three months prior to the date of diagnosis of COVID-19 disease resulting in his/ her death.**
- ii. The deceased IP must have been in employment on the date of diagnosis of COVID-19 disease and contributions for at least 70 days should have been paid or payable in respect of him/ her during a period of maximum one year immediately preceding the diagnosis of COVID-19 disease resulting in death.**
- iii. The spouse of the deceased IP/IW shall also be eligible for Medical care on depositing Rs 120/- every year.**

2. Till 09.07.2021, total 1225 claims have been received out of which 307 have been sanctioned.

3. Further, the Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 envisages benefits, namely (i) maintaining of Employees' Provident Fund accumulations, (ii) Employees' Pension and Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme (EDLI). In order to provide relief to the dependents of workers who died during the period, the scheme of EDLI was amended providing for minimum assurance benefit of ₹2.5 lakh to eligible family members of deceased employees. In addition, the maximum insurance amount under EDLI Scheme, 1976 has been enhanced from Rs. 6 lakh to Rs. 7 lakh. As on 28.06.2021, 201 persons have benefited through amendment in EDLI Scheme and enhanced benefits amounting Rs. 5.57 crore have been paid.

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(c) & (d): Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) Scheme, 1952 was amended in March, 2020 by inserting the provision for allowing non-refundable advance to EPF members during Pandemic /Epidemic. This provision allowed EPF members to avail advance from their EPF account to the extent of 75 per cent of their balance or three-month wages whichever is less. The EPF members who have already availed the first COVID-19 advance can now opt for a second advance. As on 15.07.2021, the number of claims settled under second COVID-19 advance facility is 4,62,816.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1129
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH JULY, 2021

EMPLOYEES' PROVIDENT FUND

1129. SHRI VELUSAMY P.

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

- (a) whether the Government is having any proposal to subsidize Employees Provident Fund under Atmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana for the new employees as well as for those who lost their job during lockdown;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the ceiling limit of wages criteria and the quantum of contribution to be given to both categories of workers (new and workers who lost their job);**
- (d) whether the Government will bear the contribution of both employers and employees' contribution for those employing more than 1000 workers;**
- (e) whether this scheme will be expanded to less than 1000 workers employed by the establishments; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY) has been launched as part of Atmanirbhar Bharat package 3.0 to incentivize employers for creation of 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. Under the scheme:

- **An employee drawing monthly wage of less than Rs. 15000/- who was not working in any establishment registered with the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) before 1st October, 2020 is eligible for the benefit. The employees who lost their job during Covid-19 pandemic and didn't join in any EPF covered establishment upto 30.09.2020 are also eligible for the benefit.**
- **Government of India is crediting for a period of two years, both the employee's share (12% of wages) and employer's share (12% of wages) of contribution payable or only the employee's share, depending on employment strength of the EPFO registered establishments.**
- **The scheme has commenced from 1st October 2020 and shall remain open for registration of eligible employers and new employees upto 31st March, 2022. Government is paying the subsidy for two years from the date of registration.**

(d): In respect of establishments employing more than 1000 employees, only employees' EPF contributions i.e. 12% of wages is provided as benefit by the Central Government.

(e) & (f): The scheme already covers establishments employing less than 1000 workers. Incentive of both employees' & employer's contribution i.e., 24% of wages in respect of eligible new employees in establishments employing up to 1000 employees is being provided under the scheme.

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

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1141
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2021**

DATABASE OF MIGRANT AND ORGANISED LABOUR/WORKER

1141. DR. A. CHALLAKUMAR:

SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

DR. AMAR SINGH:

SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

SHRI M. SELVARAJ:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has prepared the national database of migrant and unorganized labour and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for noncompletion of the database by the initial deadline of June 2021; and the revised estimated timeline by which this database will be functional;**
- (b) whether this database will be publicly accessible and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether in the year 2018 the Hon'ble Supreme Court directed to register all unorganised sector workers to reap the benefits of welfare schemes of the Union and States; if so, the details thereof and whether the said work has not yet been completed by the Government and if so, the reasons therefor;**

- (d)whether the Hon'ble Court has asked the Union Government to complete this exercise by July this year and also implement one nation one card scheme by the said date to make eligible such workers to draw ration from anywhere in the Country; if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government a National database of unorganised workers and the time by which this is likely to be completed; and**
- (e)if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government a National database of unorganised workers and the time by which this is likely to be completed; and**
- (f)whether the Government has received complaints from employers and employees regarding inability to conduct online transactions at EPFO due to Aadhaar seeding, if so, the action taken by the Government to protect their interests?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): Ministry of Labour & Employment in technical collaboration with National Informatics Centre (NIC) is in the process of developing a registration module for creating a comprehensive National Database for Unorganized Workers (NDUW) seeded with Aadhaar for all Unorganised workers including Construction Workers, Migrant Workers, Gig and Platform workers, Street Vendors, Domestic Workers, Agriculture Workers, Migrant workers and similar other sub-group of Unorganised workers. At present, the process for dry run and security audit is underway. The State Governments are to populate the data on the portal by mobilising the unorganised workers. The portal will be available in public domain for self registration. The Common Service Centre through its nation-wide network of over 4 lakh centres and selected post offices of the Department of Posts will act as registration centres, where workers can visit and register themselves free of cost.

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The Central Government has already implemented the One Nation One Ration Card across the country except in the States/UT of Assam, Chhattisgarh, Delhi and West Bengal. These States/UT have been directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court to implement the same by not later than 31st July 2021.

(f): As per Section 142 of the Code on Social Security, 2020, Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) had made Aadhaar seeding mandatory for filing Electronic Challan-cum-Return (ECR) for all Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts from 01.06.2021 and all employers were instructed to make Universal Account Numbers (UANs) of EPF account holders Aadhaar authenticated. However, representations were received from various stakeholders for extension of the time period. Keeping in view of pandemic situation and closure of Aadhaar enrolment centres due to Covid-19, Government has extended the mandatory filing of ECRs with Aadhaar-verified UAN till 1st September, 2021.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2079

TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021

DISCRIMINATION OF ST IN VARIOUS INSTITUTES

†2079. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

SHRI BALAK NATH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the cases relating to discrimination and harassment of people belonging to Scheduled Tribes registered against Head of Departments of various Institutions during the last five years and the current year and the status of the investigation;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to provide relief to the victims along with the action taken against the Heads of the Departments found guilty in the investigation of the cases by the National Commission of Scheduled Tribes;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any action against the Institutions and departments which do not comply with the orders given by the National Commission of Scheduled Tribes and Ministry;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to check Government orders, neglect of rules and other irregularities by various Institutions including Delhi University and School of Open Learning (SOL); and
- (f) the policy of Government for the institutions challenging the Government's policy and guidelines related to the Scheduled Tribes employees?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

- (a) As per the latest data of NCRB , the number of offences of atrocities against the members of STs including the cases of discrimination and harassment registered under PoA Act 1989 are given at **Annexure**. However , the NCRB data does not have specific figures about such cases registered against Head of Departments of various institutions.
- (b) to (d) : An Act of the Parliament namely the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) {PoA} Act, 1989 was enacted to prevent atrocities against members of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) including the caste based discriminations and harassment. With an object to deliver members of SCs and STs a greater justice, the PoA Act has been amended in January 2016. This Act also provides relief / compensation to the victims and also prescribes action to be taken by the Law implementing agencies in conjunction with IPC in the country. Police and Public Order are State Subject under the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, Hence all the State Governments and UT Administrations implement the provisions of PoA Act including cases related to Caste Based harassment and discrimination related to Scheduled Tribes
- (e) The information is being collected by the Ministry.
- (f) The provisions of Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) {PoA} Act, 1989 amended in 2016, are statutory in nature and applicable to all in country. This act is being implemented by the State Governments and UTs . Any matter which comes into the notice of ministry on CPGRAMS portal and physical representations or otherwise is taken up with the concerned authorities as per extent rules & regulations to take immediate action.

1B.3	Prevent or deny or obstruct usage of public place/passage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1B.4	Force to leave place of Residence/Social Boycott	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1B.5	Other Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Total of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act	6275	4407	683	6580	8562	8344	1014	6564	5272	602	6864	9707	9252	913
2	Protection of Civil Rights Act	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	5	0	8	39	12	0
	Crime/Atrocities against STs	6276	4407	683	6581	8562	8344	1014	6568	5277	602	6872	9746	9264	913

Source: Crime in India

Note: '-' Not available

**Annexure referred to in reply of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2079 for answer on 02.08.2021 regarding "Discrimination of ST in various institutes"
Crime Head-wise Cases Registered (CR), Cases Chargesheeted (CCS), Cases Convicted (CON), Victims (VIC), Persons Arrested (PAR), Persons Chargesheeted (PCS) and Persons
Convicted under Crime against Scheduled Tribes (STs) during 2017-2018**

SL	Crime Head	2017							2018						
		CR	CCS	CON	TVIC	PAR	PCS	PCV	CR	CCS	CON	TVIC	PAR	PCS	PCV
1A	SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act	6405	5329	711	6788	9639	9040	956	6178	5366	499	6488	9292	9778	747
1A.1	Murder	124	113	31	133	305	284	48	168	139	26	177	394	315	72
1A.2	Attempt to Commit Murder	132	112	13	146	326	285	19	131	116	9	158	439	379	15
1A.3	Simple Hurt	1503	1204	166	1598	2067	2167	223	1429	1276	85	1485	2043	2344	136
1A.4	Grievous Hurt	204	184	30	217	363	288	36	104	111	17	122	281	278	32
1A.5	Assault on Women with Intent to Outrage her Modesty	925	830	134	981	1108	1028	152	857	807	83	871	1055	1103	84
1A.6	Insult to the Modesty of Women	21	11	0	21	13	12	0	18	15	1	18	28	32	1
1A.7	Kidnapping and Abduction	201	167	10	206	271	234	12	116	93	5	116	177	164	5
1A.8	Rape	1041	1027	139	1071	1407	1299	171	1008	947	120	1013	1324	1256	155
1A.9	Attempt to Commit Rape	22	15	3	22	20	20	3	17	13	2	17	18	15	2
1A.10	Riots	118	100	2	155	890	751	14	189	172	0	278	836	838	0
1A.11	Robbery	11	12	0	11	30	29	0	6	4	1	7	21	11	2
1A.12	Dacoity	7	6	0	14	57	58	0	14	4	1	14	55	31	5
1A.13	Arson	11	8	2	11	20	17	8	11	10	1	11	20	19	3
1A.14	Criminal Intimidation	446	318	6	447	621	517	10	484	382	5	488	334	582	8
1A.15	Other IPC crimes	1639	1222	175	1755	2141	2051	260	1626	1277	143	1713	2267	2411	227
1B	SC / ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act only	720	489	33	856	1022	995	59	347	218	4	358	398	447	14
1B.1	Intentionally Insult or Intimidate with Intent to Humiliate	373	272	7	434	624	621	13	117	81	1	120	160	207	7
1B.2	Occupy/Disposes Land Belongs to SCs/STs	27	17	3	29	29	32	7	18	4	0	18	0	21	0

1B.3	Prevent or deny or obstruct usage of public place/passage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1B.4	Force to leave place of Residence/Social Boycott	18	1	0	18	3	3	0	19	0	0	19	0	0	0
1B.5	Other Offences	302	199	23	375	366	339	39	193	133	3	201	238	219	7
1	Total of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act	7125	5818	744	7644	10661	10035	1015	6525	5584	503	6846	9690	10225	761
2	Protection of Civil Rights Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	35	0	3	36	36	0
	Crime/Atrocities against STs	7125	5818	744	7644	10661	10035	1015	6528	5619	503	6849	9726	10261	761

Source: Crime in India

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2079 for answer on 02.08.2021 regarding "Discrimination of ST in various institutes"
Crime Head-wise Cases Registered (CR), Cases Chargesheeted (CCS), Cases Convicted (CON), Victims (VIC), Persons Arrested (PAR), Persons Chargesheeted (PCS) and Persons Convicted under Crime against Scheduled Tribes (STs) during 2019

SL	Crime Head	2019						
		CR	CCS	CON	TVIC	PAR	PCS	PCV
1A	SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act	7815	6181	734	8422	10650	11830	1136
1A.1	Murder	182	167	34	226	497	471	65
1A.2	Attempt to Commit Murder	137	126	10	158	355	309	23
1A.3	Simple Hurt	1675	1315	202	1748	2106	2593	352
1A.4	Grievous Hurt	112	100	21	127	214	219	38
1A.5	Assault on Women with Intent to Outrage her Modesty	880	717	98	913	1114	1124	115
1A.6	Insult to the Modesty of Women	24	14	0	24	28	16	0
1A.7	Kidnapping and Abduction	153	107	14	164	226	208	19
1A.8	Rape	1110	1035	127	1133	1424	1341	164
1A.9	Attempt to Commit Rape	21	13	0	21	18	13	0
1A.10	Riots	168	140	3	290	863	721	7
1A.11	Robbery	11	7	0	11	28	21	0
1A.12	Dacoity	6	8	0	6	52	47	0
1A.13	Arson	27	16	1	30	55	59	2
1A.14	Criminal Intimidation	565	543	6	590	490	1007	6
1A.15	Other IPC crimes	2744	1873	218	2981	3180	3681	345
1B	SC / ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act only	439	320	8	472	440	511	13
1B.1	Intentionally Insult or Intimidate with Intent to Humiliate	129	75	3	136	122	151	8
1B.2	Occupy/Disposes Land Belongs to SCs/STs	26	32	0	26	35	41	0

1B.3	Prevent or deny or obstruct usage of public place/passage	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
1B.4	Force to leave place of Residence/Social Boycott	34	37	0	34	26	37	0
1B.5	Other Offences	249	176	5	274	257	282	5
1	Total of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act	8254	6501	742	8894	11090	12341	1149
2	Protection of Civil Rights Act	3	1	0	3	1	1	0
	Crime/Atrocities against STs	8257	6502	742	8897	11091	12342	1149

Source: Crime in India

Note : Due to non-receipt of data from Kolkata in time for 2019, Data furnished for 2018 has been used

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LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2101
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF KOSHYARI COMMITTEE

2101. SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL CHIKHLIKAR:

SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:

SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

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

- (a) whether Koshyari Committee has recommended for increase of minimum pension of EPS-95 Pensioners;**
- (b) if so, the details and the action so far taken by the Government on such recommendations;**
- (c) whether there is any proposal for giving dearness allowance to EPS-95 pensioners to neutralize the price index as given to Central Government pensioners;**
- (d) if so, whether the Government also proposes to extend 'Ayushman Bharat Yojana' to economically vulnerable EPS-95 pensioners to extend health care facilities; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these proposals are likely to be implemented?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Koshyari Committee had recommended, in the year 2013, to increase minimum pension to Rs. 3000 per month and also enhance

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Government's contribution from 1.16% to at least 8.33% of wages for the members of Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS), 1995. The Government has, for the first time, in the year 2014, provided a minimum pension of Rs. 1000 per month to the pensioners under EPS by providing budgetary support, which was in addition to the budgetary support of 1.16% of wages provided annually towards EPS. For the year 2021-22, an amount of Rs.7364 Crore has been provided for minimum pension and towards 1.16% of wages as Government contribution.

(c): The Employees' Pension Fund for EPS, 1995 is a self-financed fund. A High Empowered Monitoring Committee (HEMC) was constituted for complete evaluation and review of EPS, 1995 and the Committee did not recommend any linking of monthly pension with cost of living index keeping in view severe affect on the financial health of the Pension Fund, as assessed by the Actuarial.

(d) & (e): The Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) is an entitlement based scheme and the beneficiary families are drawn from Socio Economic Caste Census database by applying specific deprivation criteria for rural area and occupational criteria for urban area.

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2123
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021**

INSURED PERSONS OF ESIC AND EPFO IN ASSAM

2123. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

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

- (a) the details of the insured persons of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) and Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) within Assam;**
- (b) the details of the insured persons who lost their lives due to COVID-19 disease;**
- (c) whether the Government has announced major social security relief for dependents of workers who passing away due to COVID-19;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the details of the number of persons covered under this relief within Assam so far?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The total number of Insured Persons covered under the Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Act, 1948 in Assam is 281292 as on 31.03.2020.

The number of insured persons under Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme - 1976 (EDLI Scheme) within Assam is 655806 till June, 2021.

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In order to provide help and succour to the families of the Insured Persons (IPs) who died due to COVID-19, Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has on 03.06.2021 launched ESIC COVID-19 Relief Scheme. Under this scheme 90% of average wages of deceased Insured Person shall be paid to the eligible dependents of the Insured Person who died due to COVID-19. The Scheme is effective for a period of two years w.e.f. 24.03.2020. The eligibility conditions for relief under the scheme are:-

- i. The IP who died due to COVID-19 disease must have been registered on the ESIC online portal at least three months prior to the date of diagnosis of COVID-19 disease resulting in his/ her death.**
- ii. The deceased IP must have been in employment on the date of diagnosis of COVID-19 disease and contributions for at least 70 days should have been paid or payable in respect of him/ her during a period of maximum one year immediately preceding the diagnosis of COVID-19 disease resulting in death.**
- iii. The spouse of the deceased IP/IW shall also be eligible for Medical care on depositing Rs 120/- every year.**

Till 16.07.2021, total 1595 claims have been received out of which 453 have been sanctioned.

Further, the Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 envisages benefits, namely (i) maintaining of Employees' Provident Fund accumulations, (ii) Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS) and (iii) Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme (EDLI). In order to provide relief to the dependents of workers who died during the period, the scheme of EDLI was amended providing for minimum assurance benefit of ₹2.5 lakh to eligible family members of deceased employees. In addition, the maximum insurance amount under EDLI Scheme, 1976 has been enhanced from Rs. 6 lakh to Rs. 7 lakh.

During April 2020 to June 2021, pension was granted to 50373 dependents of the deceased members who died due to Covid-19 or otherwise, amounting to Rs. 382.84 crore. Further insurance benefit was granted to 43632 dependents of the deceased members who died due to Covid-19 or otherwise, amounting to Rs. 1115.67 crore under EDLI.

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(e): Till 16.07.2021, 7 claims have been received in Assam from the dependants of the Insured Persons under the ESIC COVID-19 Relief Scheme.

The number of beneficiaries covered under EDLI and EPS in Assam are 355 and 1061 respectively during the period April 2020 till now.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2136
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02ND AUGUST, 2021
ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT ROJGAR YOJANA

2136. SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:

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

- (a) whether the Union Government is considering extending the timeline of the Atmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana till March next year from the existing June 30, 2021 and if so, the facts thereof;**
- (b) the number of newly recruited workers projected for benefit under the scheme and the number of newly recruited workers benefitted under the scheme so far;**
- (c) whether an employee drawing a monthly wage of less than Rs 15,000 and not working with any establishment registered with EPFO before 1st October, 2020 and not having a Universal Account Number or EPF Member account number prior to 1st October 2020 is eligible for the benefit;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and whether these employees will get the benefit of the scheme; and**
- (e) the steps taken to boost employment generation and to give relief to workers grappling with job loss and pay cuts during the pandemic?**

ANSWER

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

(a): Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY) has been launched as part of Atmanirbhar Bharat package 3.0 to incentivize employers for creation of new employment along with social security benefits and restoration of loss of employment during COVID-19 pandemic. The terminal date for registration of beneficiary under the scheme has been extended from 30th June, 2021 to 31st March, 2022.

(b): The ABRY is being implemented by Ministry of Labour & Employment through Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) and aims to benefit estimated 71.80 lakh beneficiaries. As on 26.07.2021, benefit of Rs. 1193.18 crore has been provided to 25.57 lakh employees through 91,129 establishments under the scheme.

(c) & (d): An employee drawing monthly wage of less than Rs. 15000/- who was not working in any establishment registered with the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) before 1st October, 2020 is eligible for the benefit under ABRY. Government is providing for a period of two years, both the employee's share (12% of wages) and employer's share (12% of wages) of contribution payable or only the employee's share, depending on employment strength of the EPFO registered establishments.

(e): Government of India has taken a number of initiatives for promoting employment generation during Covid-19 pandemic. Financial package of more than Rs. Twenty seven lakh crore under "Aatma Nirbhar Bharat" has been launched inter-alia, to create employment opportunities for migrant workers, workers of organized and unorganized sector, strengthening of MSME sector and promoting rural economy.

Under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) implemented by Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India has contributed both 12% employer's share and 12% employee's share under Employees Provident Fund (EPF), totaling 24% of the wage for the wage month from March to August, 2020 for the establishments having upto 100 employees with 90% of such employees earning less than Rs. 15000/-. This has helped in providing employment in EPFO registered establishments during post Covid period.

Prime Minister Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM- SVANidhi) Scheme launched by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has facilitated collateral free working capital loan upto Rs.10,000/- for one-year tenure to street vendors, to help them resume their businesses.

Government had launched Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA) of 125 days on 20th June, 2020 to boost employment and livelihood opportunities for returnee migrant workers and similarly affected persons including youth in rural areas, in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic in 116 selected districts across 6 States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. The scheme was implemented by Ministry of Rural Development.

RBI and Government of India have introduced measures to infuse liquidity in the economy to sustain the market economy and raise the level of employment.

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2191
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021**

INTEREST RATE OF EPFO

2191. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

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

- (a) whether the interest rate for the subscribers of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has been fixed at 8.65 per cent for the year 2016-17 by the Ministry;**
- (b) the total number of subscribers to EPFO and out of which the number of contributing subscribers;**
- (c) the total income earned by EPFO and the amount to be disbursed as interest; and**
- (d) whether the Ministry has obtained approval from the Ministry of Finance for the rate of interest fixed; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): As on 31.03.2017, number of accounts in Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) were 19,33,91,860 and average number of contributing subscribers were 4,12,37,377.

(c): During the year 2016-17, total income available for disbursement as interest was Rs. 39,493.84 crore and amount disbursed as interest on EPF accumulations was Rs. 39,197.93 crore.

(d) & (e): Under paragraph 60 of the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) Scheme, 1952, the rate of interest on EPF is determined by the Central Government in consultation with the Central Board. The Ministry of Labour and Employment also consults the Ministry of Finance every year before determining the rate of interest on EPF accumulations.

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2195
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021**

UNEMPLOYMENT AND JOB LOSS IN UNORGANISED SECTOR

2195. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any initiative to address the issues of rising unemployment and job loss in the unorganised sector due to COVID-19 pandemic;**
- (b) if so, the details of the actions taken in this regard;**
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to protect the labourers working in the plantation sector in the country;**
- (d) whether the Government has the details of financial assistance/other support to plantation labourers during the COVID-19 pandemic; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof; State/UT-wise?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Government of India has taken several initiatives to address the issues of unorganised workers arising due to COVID-19 pandemic. The details are listed at Annexure A.

(c) to (e): Further, the Government has also taken several measures to protect the interest of labourers working in the plantation sector which are given at Annexure B.

Annexure A

ANNEXURE REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 2195 FOR 02.08.2021 REGARDING “UNEMPLOYMENT AND JOB LOSS IN UNORGANISED SECTOR” RASIED BY ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE

Steps taken to address the issues of unorganised workers arising due to COVID-19 pandemic:-

(i) Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY) has been launched w.e.f. 1st October, 2020 to incentivize employers for creation of new employment along with social security benefits and restoration of employment.

(ii) PM- SVANidhi Scheme has facilitated collateral free working capital loan upto Rs.10,000/- for one-year tenure to street vendors, to help them resume their businesses during the post Covid period.

(iii) The State Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Boards have disbursed around Rs. 5618 crores to 1.83 crore BoCW workers during first wave of Covid-19 and during second wave, around Rs. 1795 crore have been disbursed to 1.23 crore BoCW workers.

(iv) Under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), the wage has been increased from Rs. 182.00 to Rs. 202.00 per day with effect from 01.04.2020. During the current financial year, a total of 120.49 crore person days have been generated.

(v) Government under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan (PMGKRA), has taken various initiatives to boost rural infrastructure and rural economy to provide local employment opportunities particularly to the migrant returnees. PMGKRA covered 116 districts of 6 States in a mission mode campaign of 125 days.

(vi) PM Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana- Additional allocation of food grain @ 5 kg per person per month free of cost was provided to all beneficiaries covered under the targeted public distribution system. The scheme has been extended for the period April 2021 to November 2021.

(vii) Limit of collateral free lending was increased from Rs. 10 lakhs to Rs. 20 lakhs for women organised through 63 lakhs Self Help Groups (SHGs) who support 6.85 crore households.

(viii) 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 employment generation, Government is encouraging various projects involving substantial investment and through public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Deendayal 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.

(ix) RBI and Government of India have undertaken several measures to infuse liquidity in the economy to expand market activities and raise the level of employment.

Annexure B

ANNEXURE REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 2195 FOR 02.08.2021 REGARDING “UNEMPLOYMENT AND JOB LOSS IN UNORGANISED SECTOR” RASIED BY ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE.

Measures taken to protect the interest of labourers working in the plantation sector:-

(i) Tea Board extended financial assistance worth Rs. 19.09 crores to 28898 to the workers of tea gardens through its HRD components under the “Tea Development and Promotion Scheme” that was implemented during the MTF period 2017-2020 which was extended till 31.03.2021. Keeping in mind the distress of the workers of tea plantation, the Tea Board has disbursed some amounts under its HRD scheme including Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) & Tribal Area Sub Plan (TASP) scheme to different tea growing states the details of which are as under:

Financial assistance & other support under HRD component(including SC & ST growers), given to Plantations labourers during Covid 19 Pandemic through educational stipend, Nehru award, Books & School uniform, Bharat Scout & guide trainings etc.								
Year	2019-20 (for the month of March, 2020)		2020-21		2021-22 (till 30-06-21)		Total	
state	Fund Utilised (Rs. In Lakh)	No. of beneficiaries	Fund Utilised (Rs. In Lakh)	No. of beneficiaries	Fund Utilised (Rs. In Lakh)	No. of beneficiaries	Fund Utilised (Rs. In Lakh)	No. of beneficiaries
Assam	26.78	94	32.59	426	3.12	36	62.49	556
Tripura	0.93	16	0	0	0	0	0.93	16
West Bengal	127.42	1352	91.10	732	75.33	575	293.85	2659
Tamilnadu	84.19	439	29.27	181	13.53	82	126.99	702
Kerala	63.17	323	41.72	218	4.51	25	109.4	566
Karnataka	0	0	0.2	1	0	0	0.2	1
Himachal Pradesh	0.89	10	0.548	3	1.457	13	2.895	26
Total	303.38	2234	195.428	1561	97.947	731	596.755	4526

(ii) Spices Board's scheme for Plantation Labour Welfare in the Cardamom growing states of Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Sikkim, West Bengal (Darjeeling area) and North Eastern Region has been approved by the Ministry of Finance for the implementation of the scheme during the period from 2021-22 to 2025-26, with a total outlay of Rs 50 lakhs. The scheme provides for giving stipend to the children (students) of the cardamom plantation labourers so as to help in providing better working conditions. Also under the scheme amenities and incentives are provided for workers of small & large cardamom plantations. The financial assistance for the period 2021-26 is provided to the children of plantation labourers towards tuition fee and hostel charges subject to maximum of Rs. 25000/- per student per annum for pursuing regular full time course.

(iii) Rubber Board implements various labour welfare schemes for the labourers and their children in the rubber plantation sector. During 2020-21, Rs. 2.98 crore was distributed for labour welfare measures to labourers in the unorganised rubber plantation sector.

(iv) The benefits of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) was extended to the labourers working in coffee plantation with Food Security and Direct Benefit Transfer. This also had a salient feature of EPF benefit of reimbursing both employees and employer's contribution of PF amount to those establishments having less than 100 employees and 90% of those employees earning less than Rs. 15,000/- per month. The benefit was given for three months from June to August 2020 under PMGKY.

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2286
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021**

INVESTMENT OF EPFO IN STOCK MARKETS

2286. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

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

- (a) whether the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), the state run organization has decided to invest 5 per cent of corpus fund in stock markets after its formation of 64 years with a motive to give stable return to the pensioners.**
- (b) if so, the incremental deposit in EPFO during the last three years and the current year;**
- (c) the exact amount earmarked for investment in stock market and the method of deployment of funds in the market;**
- (d) whether the Government has taken adequate precautions to secure the interests of the pensioners due to volatile stock market where there is no guarantee of return of investment; and**
- (e) whether EPFO has received any representation from the All India Trade Unions against this policy and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) can invest up to 15% of investment in equity as per the Pattern of Investment notified by the Central Government and the internal guidelines of EPFO approved by the Central Board of Trustees' (CBT), Employees' Provident Fund (EPF). However, EPFO invests only in Exchange

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Trading Fund (ETF) and not in individual share/stock through ETF-Manufacturers (SBI-Mutual Fund and UTI-Mutual Fund). A joint representation was received from some of the trade unions on involving of workers in decision making process while investing in equity. Finance Investment and Audit Committee (FIAC) and the Central Board of Trustees of EPFO, which are mandated for investing in equities and other instruments, have representatives of workers. The deposit from contribution in EPFO and investment in equity during the last three years and the current year are as follows:

(In Rs. crore)

Financial Year	Deposit from Contribution	Equity Investment
2018-19	1,87,214	27743
2019-20 (Provisional)	2,19,325	32377
2020-21 (Provisional)	2,18,345	31025
2021- 22 (upto 30.06.2021)	57,846	7715

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3331
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021**

SAHARA GROUP FROM EPF

3331. SHRI BANDI SANJAY KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that due to exemption granted to the Sahara Group from EPF, several employees lost their PF benefits;**
- (b) if so, the circumstances under which such exemption was granted to the Sahara Group together with the exemption proceedings;**
- (c) the amounts collected by the Sahara Group from its employees towards PF before giving such exemption and present status of the account; and**
- (d) details of action taken by the Government to recover PF dues from Sahara after its closure?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Exemption to an Establishment under the Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 (EPF & MP Act) and the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, 1952 is accorded in accordance with the provisions of the Act and scheme guidelines. M/s Sahara India and four other companies, namely, M/s Sahara India Financial Corporation Ltd., M/s Sahara India Commercial Corporation Ltd., M/s Sahara Airlines Ltd. and M/s Sahara India Mass Communication were granted exemption vide Orders dated 12.06.2006 after ascertaining the various aspects including transfer of contributions by the establishments and its participating units to the

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Trust and also on the basis of reports of the enforcement authorities of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO). No loss of any Provident Fund (PF) benefit was reported at the time of grant of exemption by the enforcement authorities of EPFO. A corpus having Face Value of Rs. 185.32 crore was reported in the trust in respect of the then PF members. After cancellation of exemption, past accumulations of PF amounting to Rs.278.56 crore along with details of all the employees in respect of four establishments were received from the Trust by EPFO. However, M/s Sahara Airlines Ltd. was bought over by M/s Jet Airways Ltd. in April, 2007.

(d): Exemption granted to the Establishment was cancelled during the month of March, 2018 in respect of M/s Sahara India, M/s Sahara India Financial Corporation Limited, M/s Sahara India Commercial Corporation Limited and M/s Sahara India Mass Communication due to violations of terms and conditions of exemption. Further, a demand for an amount of Rs 33, 97, 30,000/- has been raised by EPFO and the matter is now sub-judice.

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 09TH AUGUST, 2021
ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT ROJGAR YOJANA**

**3336. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:
SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:
SHRI D. K. SURESH:**

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

- (a) whether it is true that the Government has introduced Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY) to incentivize employers for creation of new employment and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the total number of employers who received incentives under the ABRY scheme, State and Sector-wise;**
- (c) the number and details of employment generated by the said employers till date, State-wise; and**
- (d) the total fund earmarked for the scheme and amount spent on this till date?**

ANSWER

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

(a): Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY) has been launched w.e.f. 1st October, 2020 to incentivize employers for creation of new employment along with social security benefits and restoration of employment. 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. Under ABRY, Government of India is providing for a period of two years, both the employees' share (12% of wages) and employers share' (12% of wages) of contribution or only employees' share of contribution depending on employment strength of the EPFO registered establishments, for new employees whose monthly wage is less than Rs. 15,000/- per month. The new employees under the scheme include those who lost their jobs during Covid-19 and didn't join in any EPF covered establishment upto 30.09.2020. The terminal date for registration of beneficiary under the scheme has been extended from 30th June, 2021 to 31st March, 2022 in view of the Covid-19 pandemic situation.

(b) & (c): As on 1st August, 2021, 25.71 lakh employees have been benefitted through 91,980 establishments/employers under the scheme. The State-wise details of beneficiaries and amount of benefit credited till 01.08.2021 is at Annexure.

(d): The total outlay of the ABRY scheme for entire period of the scheme is Rs.22098 crore and an amount of Rs.1203.60 crore has been spent as on 01.08.2021.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) & (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3336 FOR 09-08-2021

State-wise list of Beneficiary Establishments (Estts), Employees and Amount of Benefit as on 01.08.2021			
State Name	Establishments	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount Benefit (in Rs.)
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	31	293	19,74,355
ANDHRA PRADESH	2,414	70,922	35,52,48,297
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	4	21	1,09,592
ASSAM	324	5,686	2,77,52,803
BIHAR	643	11,344	6,61,72,892
CHANDIGARH	1,039	29,708	14,20,39,776
CHATTISGARH	1,718	36,255	18,62,69,310
DELHI	1,908	90,280	40,34,01,224
GOA	366	9,829	4,91,74,044
GUJARAT	10,032	2,96,191	1,29,95,16,980
HARYANA	4,863	1,66,049	79,57,86,938
HIMACHAL PRADESH	1,407	38,771	18,20,13,819
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	519	8,602	4,47,59,205
JHARKHAND	1,259	27,330	14,84,61,941
KARNATAKA	6,138	1,98,342	1,02,57,81,106
KERALA	1,625	40,396	20,99,24,454
LADAKH	5	32	1,58,107
MADHYA PRADESH	3,726	87,957	47,99,76,955
MAHARASHTRA	13,469	4,22,193	1,93,00,64,821
MANIPUR	31	482	25,88,214
MEGHALAYA	26	735	74,59,821
MIZORAM	11	209	20,85,172
NAGALAND	6	38	1,76,986
ORISSA	2,455	39,759	21,30,38,739
PUNJAB	4,284	79,693	41,32,75,383
RAJASTHAN	6,817	1,39,350	63,23,29,361
SIKKIM	75	1,970	1,31,69,008
TAMIL NADU	9,965	3,33,136	1,32,85,47,759
TELANGANA	3,232	1,15,940	47,27,37,611
TRIPURA	122	2,768	1,62,53,335
UTTAR PRADESH	7,481	1,81,084	96,80,62,664
UTTARAKHAND	1,606	43,138	21,76,19,003
WEST BENGAL	4,379	92,683	40,00,28,160
TOTAL	91,980	25,71,186	12,03,59,57,835

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3348
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021**

LABOURERS/WORKERS WORKING IN INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS

†3348. SADHVI PRAGYA SINGH THAKUR:

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

- (a) the State-wise and the company-wise number of labourers/workers working in various industrial organisations of the country till date;**
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any schemes for the security and welfare of the abovementioned workers;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the number of workers benefitted therefrom;**
- (d) whether workers are being constantly exploited in various organisations of the country, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

(a): No such information is maintained centrally by this Ministry.

However, as per the information received from the State Governments through the Directorate General Factory Advice Service and Labour Institutes (DGFASLI), under the Factories Act, 1948, state-wise details of number of workers employed in registered factories during 2019, which is the latest figure available, is at Annexure.

(b) & (c): The Ministry of Labour and Employment is implementing the Employees Provident Funds Scheme, 1952, the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995, the Employees Deposit Link Insurance Scheme, 1976 and Employees State Insurance Scheme, 1952 for social security of the employees of organized sector.

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Besides, the Government is also implementing several schemes for the welfare of the workers of unorganized sector. Some of the major schemes are: Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan – Dhan Yojana, implemented by Ministry of Labour and Employment; Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, implemented by Ministry of Finance; Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, Deen Dayal Upadhyay – Gramin Kaushalya Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin and National Social Assistance Programme implemented by Ministry of Rural Development; Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, implemented by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana, National Urban Livelihoods Mission, implemented by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

Further, the security and welfare of labourers are taken care of under the provisions of various labour laws like Minimum Wages Act, 1948, Payment of Wages Act, 1936, Payment of Bonus Act, 1965, Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972, Maternity Benefit Act, 1961, Building & Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996, Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970, Inter-State Migrant Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979 etc.

Also, there are provisions related to safety, health & welfare for the employees in the "Occupational Safety, Health & Working Conditions (OSH&WC) Code, 2020" enacted by the Parliament and notified in the Gazette of India on 29.09.2020. The OSH&WC Code, 2020 has not yet been implemented.

(d) & (e): Whenever violation of labour laws is noticed either through complaints or during the course of inspections carried out by the inspecting authorities under the central and state spheres, action is taken under the relevant provisions of the concerned Act.

Under the Central Sphere, the inspections are carried out by the Officers of Central Industrial Relations Machinery (CIRM) and in case of state sphere, they are being done by the labour departments of the concerned state.

During the inspections, irregularities if detected are rectified and prosecutions are launched if required.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION No. 3348 FOR 09.08.2021. REGARDING LABOURERS/WORKERS WORKING IN INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS BY SADHVI PRAGYA SINGH THAKUR.

State/UT-wise details of Employment in registered factories during 2019

Sl.	State/UT	No. of Workers
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	5435
2	Andhra Pradesh	958024
3	Arunachal Pradesh	7517
4	Assam	287563
5	Bihar	201917
6	Chandigarh	1089
7	Chhattisgarh	340273
8	Daman and Diu & Dadra and Nagar Haveli	197480
9	Delhi	434350
10	Goa	100522
11	Gujarat	1834792
12	Haryana	1113571
13	Himachal Pradesh	353020
14	Jammu and Kashmir	70290
15	Jharkhand	312823
16	Karnataka	1578320
17	Kerala	619738
18	Madhya Pradesh	426297
19	Maharashtra	2603179
20	Manipur	14527
21	Meghalaya	14959
22	Mizoram	285
23	Nagaland	12854
24	Odisha	383982
25	Puducherry	81988
26	Punjab	746731
27	Rajasthan	554652
28	Tamil Nadu	2161021
29	Telangana	607260
30	Tripura	58019
31	Uttar Pradesh	1793371
32	Uttarakhand	677007
Total		18552856

Data Source: Chief Inspector of Factories (CIF) of States/UTs through DGFASLI.

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3349
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021**

INVESTMENT OF EPFO

**3349. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:
SHRI RAMALINGAM S.:**

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

- (a) whether it is true that EPFO has taken a decision to invest a portion of its annual deposits in infrastructure investment trust;**
- (b) the details of impact of such investment on the economy;**
- (c) the total amount proposed to be invested by EPFO during the current financial year; and**
- (d) the total return/profits expected through this investment?**

ANSWER

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

(a): Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has not made any investment in infrastructure investment trust.

(b) to (d): In view of the reply to part (a) of the above, questions do not arise.

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3350
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021**

SCHEME FOR UNORGANISED AND UNSKILLED LABOURERS

3350. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme or proposal to schedule any scheme for unorganised and unskilled labourers;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to make policy for minimum wages for unorganised and unskilled labourers and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether the Government has reserve fund for it and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a): The Government has many ongoing Social Security and Welfare Schemes for unorganized workers. For example, Life and disability cover is provided through Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Surksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) launched in 2015. The health and maternity benefits are addressed through Ayushman Bharat Scheme which is a universal health scheme launched in 2018. Old age protection is provided through a pension scheme namely Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM) Yojana launched in March, 2019.

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Apart from these schemes, few more schemes such as Public Distribution System through One Nation One Ration Card under National Food Security Act, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gramin Kaushal Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Gareeb Kalyan Rojgar Yojana, Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Antyodaya Yojana, PMSVANidhi, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan-dhan Yojana etc. are also available for the unorganised workers depending upon their eligibility criteria.

(b): The Minimum Wages Act, 1948, safeguards the interests of employees, including unskilled employees in the unorganized sector, engaged in the Scheduled employments as it binds the employers to pay the minimum wages to the employees as fixed under the statute for the work performed during a given period, which cannot be reduced by collective agreement or an individual contract. The Central Government and the State Governments are mandated to revise the Minimum Rates of Wages payable to the employees engaged in the scheduled employment in their respective jurisdictions at intervals not exceeding five years. Accordingly, the minimum rates of wages in the scheduled employments including agriculture in the Central sphere were last revised by the Central Government with effect from 19.01.2017. Further, in order to take care of the rising prices, the Central Government revises the Variable Dearness Allowance (V.D.A) on basic rates of minimum wages every six months effective from 1st April and 1st October every year on the basis of Consumer Price Index for Industrial workers. V.D.A. was last revised w.e.f. 01.04.2021. The Minimum Wages Act, 1948 has been subsumed in the Code on Wages 2019. The code on Wages, 2019, makes minimum wages universal for all employments and provides for floor wage. Under the provisions of the Code the minimum rates of wages fixed by the Central Government and the State Governments shall not be less than the floor wage so fixed.

(c): In reference to the scheme of the Unorganised Workers, there is no reserve fund. However, in the Code on Social Security 2020, recently notified by the Central Government, provisions have been made under Section 141 to create a Social Security Fund to fund the

social security scheme for the welfare of unorganised workers, Gig workers and platform workers.

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3375
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021**

SCHEMES FOR WORKERS IN ACCIDENT CASES

†3375. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

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

- (a) whether various schemes have been formulated and implemented for the unorganized workers, especially rural and agricultural workers;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the monitoring mechanism of the schemes, especially in cases of accidents;**
- (c) the amount allocated and utilized under this scheme during each of the last three years and the current year and State/UT-wise and Scheme-wise;**
- (d) the State/UT-wise number of agricultural labourers benefitted therefrom during the said period; and**
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government especially for the welfare of agricultural labourers in the country?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): Life and disability cover to the unorganized workers including rural and agricultural labourers is provided through Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Surksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) launched in 2015. The benefits under the schemes are Rs. 2.00 lakh on death due to any reason and permanent disability, Rs. 4.00 lakh on death due to accident and Rs. 1.00 lakh on partial disability. The annual premium for both the schemes is Rs. 342/-. The premium is to be borne by the individual which is available through banks. As on 30.06.2021, the cumulative registration under PMJJBY and PMSBY are 10,53,42,422 and 23,66,88,220 respectively.

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Apart from these schemes, few more schemes such as Public Distribution System through One Nation One Ration Card scheme under National Food Security Act, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gramin Kaushal Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Gareeb Kalyan Rojgar Yojana, Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Antyodaya Yojana, PMSVANidhi, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan Pension Yojana etc. are also available for the unorganised workers including rural and agricultural workers depending upon their eligibility criteria.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN MAHARASHTRA

3383. SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:

SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to promote various projects with large investment to create employment opportunities for the benefit of youths in the country;**
- (b) the progress made in creating new employment opportunities for the unemployed youths by the Government particularly in Parbhani and Osmanabad districts of Maharashtra and the names of the schemes included thereunder;**
- (c) the district-wise number of employment opportunities created in Maharashtra through various schemes and programmes during the last two years;**
- (d) whether the unemployed youths in Parbhani and Osmanabad districts are getting benefits as a result thereof; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a): Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority of the Government. Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country like 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), DeendayalAntodaya 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.

Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY) has been launched w.e.f. 1st October, 2020 to incentivize employers for creation of new employment along with social security benefits and restoration of employment. This scheme being implemented through 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.

Earlier Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY) was launched with effect from 1.4.2016 to incentivise employers for creation of new employment. The beneficiaries registered upto 31st March, 2019 will continue to receive the benefit for 3 years from the date of registration under the scheme i.e. upto 31st March, 2022.

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.

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.

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

Government of India is also implementing the National Career Service (NCS) Project to provide a variety of career related services like job matching, career counselling, vocational guidance, information on skill development courses, etc. Under the NCS project assistance is also provided to States/UTs for organising job fairs.

(b) to (e): As per information received from Government of Maharashtra, the Skill Development, Employment and Entrepreneurship Department has developed Mahaswayam portal which helps the jobseekers to know various employment opportunities available. Apart from this, Online Job Fairs, State level Job Fair were also organised and 2987 candidates have been finally selected through 263 Job Fairs conducted during April, 2020- June, 2021.

The district-wise details as received from the Government of Maharashtra are at Annexure-I-III.

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District-wise Statement Showing Candidates for Registration, Notified, Submission, Placement and Live Register at the end of January to December 2019						
Sr.No	District	Registration	Notified	Submission	Placement On/Off	Live Register
1	Mumbai	65068	67664	26878	39132	350608
2	Thane	60298	27844	24205	17510	328565
3	Raigad	12350	2710	961	3014	85099
4	Ratnagiri	7131	6250	1312	1517	60057
5	Sindhudurg	4693	1060	6042	910	44398
Mumbai Div		149540	105528	59398	62083	868727
6	Nashik	44937	29163	6872	17194	252708
7	Dhule	11763	1611	10277	3016	98728
8	Nandurbar	7050	534	3098	1411	41116
9	Jalgaon	28529	17086	62865	8076	199947
10	Ahemadnagar	34353	6577	4118	5895	194179
Nashik Div		126632	54971	87230	35592	786678
11	Pune	84462	97830	52405	37261	417204
12	Satara	22916	19027	17500	7618	133868
13	Sangali	22448	5805	9543	5190	149729
14	Solapur	28337	59734	17599	4952	192331
15	Kolhapur	32960	6068	16375	9218	207742
Pune Div		191123	188464	113422	64239	1100874
16	Aurangabad	37850	53702	20251	8885	260619
17	Jalana	17978	895	512	1665	93240
18	Parbhani	20495	3809	195	2950	99430
19	Hingoli	10021	207	479	3070	48095
20	Bid	34041	517	5203	2311	167164
21	Nanded	13551	341	2784	187	118343
22	Osmanabad	15038	748	2332	3139	80730
23	Latur	22661	25014	1128	2502	133321
Aurangabad Div		171635	85233	32884	24709	1000942
24	Buldhana	14379	1548	4377	1607	126676
25	Akola	10211	524	3031	1578	94655
26	Vashim	6207	297	4167	671	50993
27	Amravati	18701	8506	2674	2495	162205
28	Yavatmal	13829	12117	14550	2232	110057
Amravati Div		63327	22992	28799	8583	544586
29	Wardha	9137	1437	5121	582	77080
30	Nagpur	30447	7219	23264	3070	260151
31	Bhandara	10255	333	928	256	91000
32	Gondiya	10017	620	3477	225	81060
33	Chandrapur	14647	821	1414	730	127929
34	Gadchiroli	9887	27	581	27	50990
Nagpur Div		84390	10457	34785	4890	688210
Total		786647	467645	356518	200096	4990017

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District-wise Statement Showing Candidates for Registration, Notified, Submission, Placement and Live Register at the end of January to December 2020

Sr.No.	District	Registration	Notified	Submission	Placement On/Off	Live Register
1	Mumbai	26010	38062	14636	16478	126206
2	Mumbai Sub	32540	94110	59365	21726	244748
3	Thane	35254	47878	32800	13758	299723
4	Palghar	13236	33340	3750	7612	55962
5	Raigad	12365	16118	2896	5096	92368
6	Ratnagiri	6316	4259	3571	1576	64797
7	Sindhudurg	3890	10756	1815	929	47359
Mumbai Div		129611	244523	118833	67175	931163
8	Nashik	34459	110779	29693	12250	274917
9	Dhule	4973	3432	9307	431	103270
10	Nandurbar	3709	578	2520	280	44545
11	Jalgaon	20115	20894	82408	7941	212121
12	Ahemadnagar	28460	11165	13362	7623	215016
Nashik Div		91716	146848	137290	28525	849869
13	Pune	69403	186283	52413	39069	447538
14	Satara	19465	29422	37766	5211	148122
15	Sangali	16364	10461	13788	5402	160691
16	Solapur	21223	16473	16493	5018	208536
17	Kolhapur	28237	19332	13013	10224	225755
Pune Div		154692	261971	133473	64924	1190642
18	Aurangabad	25493	39538	64942	8060	278052
19	Jalana	11012	3921	4157	2639	101613
20	Parbhani	9357	9827	3511	2358	106429
21	Hingoli	5497	3783	1181	2244	51348
22	Bid	10378	7655	8152	2330	175212
23	Nanded	14740	6411	2760	4898	128185
24	Osmanabad	8342	3577	9159	2564	86508
25	Latur	12556	27450	5025	1338	144539
Aurangabad Div		97375	102162	98887	26431	1071886
26	Buldhana	9385	2498	5715	1273	134788
27	Akola	7900	5215	4559	1727	100828
28	Vashim	3575	1501	2351	708	53860
29	Amravati	11814	6765	12307	3593	170426
30	Yavatmal	9888	6095	6037	1525	118420
Amravati Div		42562	22074	30969	8826	578322
31	Wardha	6504	3926	5398	634	82950
32	Nagpur	25337	13760	18859	1148	284340
33	Bhandara	8103	1468	3363	122	98981
34	Gondiya	6224	861	2139	186	87098
35	Chandrapur	8987	3988	6221	1474	135442
36	Gadchiroli	4012	315	4009	41	54961
Nagpur Div		59167	24318	39989	3605	743772
Total		575123	801896	559441	199486	5365654

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3383 FOR 09-08-2021

District-wise Statement Showing Candidates for Registration, Notified, Submission, Placement and Live Register at the end of January to June 2021

Sr.No.	District	Registration	Notified	Submission	Placement On/Off	Live Register
1	Mumbai	12157	15100	72223	9020	129343
2	Mumbai Sub	18366	44665	101559	14249	248865
3	Thane	13983	13908	78638	7532	306174
4	Palghar	4785	9238	13966	3137	57610
5	Raigad	3087	2039	7671	782	94673
6	Ratnagiri	1832	481	9173	211	66418
7	Sindhudurg	976	607	8153	99	48236
Mumbai Div		55186	86038	291383	35030	951319
8	Nashik	12161	22626	35673	5825	281253
9	Dhule	1526	746	14559	101	104695
10	Nandurbar	888	140	4441	93	45340
11	Jalgaon	2733	7055	90033	354	214500
12	Ahemadnagar	10817	6688	19885	5206	220627
Nashik Div		28125	37255	164591	11579	866415
13	Pune	30629	81160	64954	20181	457986
14	Satara	5102	1507	19914	502	152722
15	Sangali	5450	3075	32555	1387	164754
16	Solapur	7438	3557	21941	1831	214143
17	Kolhapur	8491	2680	28325	1150	233096
Pune Div		57110	91979	167689	25051	1222701
18	Aurangabad	8005	11795	40477	1699	284358
19	Jalana	3736	152	5231	222	105127
20	Parbhani	4610	4747	5192	1051	109988
21	Hingoli	2253	1296	2989	1080	52521
22	Bid	3431	1821	12799	476	178167
23	Nanded	2299	446	9253	265	130219
24	Osmanabad	3034	692	6299	637	88905
25	Latur	2907	5553	8477	45	147401
Aurangabad Div		30275	26502	90717	5475	1096686
26	Buldhana	2328	2273	15965	134	136982
27	Akola	1210	1605	10514	46	101992
28	Vashim	765	2779	4256	133	54492
29	Amravati	2114	1067	20827	423	172117
30	Yavatmal	1225	740	11419	82	119563
Amravati Div		7642	8464	62981	818	585146
31	Wardha	1314	1018	8391	117	84147
32	Nagpur	5375	6084	48719	69	289646
33	Bhandara	2596	658	14586	86	101491
34	Gondiya	1320	350	8554	60	88358
35	Chandrapur	2187	637	12877	89	137540
36	Gadchiroli	467	0	3879	17	55411
Nagpur Div		13259	8747	97006	438	756593
Total		191597	258985	874367	78391	5478860

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3422
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021**

PRADHAN MANTRI GARIB KALYAN YOJANA

†3422. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SONI:

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

- (a) the pay scale of the employees up to which benefit of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana is available;**
- (b) the provision of contribution of the Central Government and Employees under Employees Pension Scheme under the said scheme;**
- (c) whether the contribution of the employees was also made by the Government during corona period from March, 2020 to May, 2020; and**
- (d) if so, the details of the benefited institutions/ members in Chhattisgarh?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY), both the contributions i.e., 12% employees' share and 12% employers' share under Employees' Provident Fund (EPF), for the wage months of March to May, 2020 were made by the Government in respect of establishments having up to 100 employees and 90% of such employees drawing wages less than Rs.15,000/- per month. This benefit was extended for a further period of three wage months from June to August, 2020 under the Atmanirbhar Bharat package. In the State of Chhattisgarh, 5737 establishments and 91,378 members were given benefits of Rs. 64.50 crore during these six months period.

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3426
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021**

TRANSFERS OF OFFICERS IN EPFO

3426. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

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

- (a) the number of transfers of officers in the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) in July 2021;**
- (b) whether the transfer orders have permitted officers to avail of joining time;**
- (c) if so, the details of the joining time so permitted and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) the details of manner in which the transfer orders are compliant with the 2016 policy on EPFO as laid down by the Supreme Court in 2013 and which requires transparency in postings and transfers; and**
- (e) whether these transfer orders have been, or will be, subjected to review by the Ministry?**

ANSWER

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

(a): Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Head Quarter, New Delhi has issued Orders dated 06th July, 2021 effecting transfer of 117 Officers of the level of Additional Central Provident Fund Commissioner (ACC) and Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-I (RPF-C-I).

(b) & (c): Grant of joining time on transfer in EPFO is governed by the Central Civil Services (Joining Time) Rules, 1979 which, inter-alia, provides that a Government servant can avail joining time period at a later date if he is ordered to join earlier than the entitled joining period. The transferred officers have been allowed joining period of 3 days keeping in view administrative exigencies.

(d) & (e): To bring transparency, the transfer policy dated 06.01.2016 for Group 'A' Officers in EPFO provides, inter-alia, for EPFO Officers Transfer Committee (EOTC), defined tenure, electronic data base, etc. EPFO has informed that before carrying out transfers the data base of the officers was posted on their website, option of choice of places for transfers of officers were also called from the officers before the transfers were effected on the recommendations of EOTC. The transfer policy also provides for addressing the grievances arising out of non-implementation or non-observance of transfer policy.
