

# Job generation through fairs has risen by 2.5 times: Min

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**Lucknow:** Employment generation through job fairs organised by the employment exchanges in the state rose by more than 2.5 times between 2017-18 and 2022-23, state labour minister Anil Rajbhar told the UP Assembly on Friday.

Replying to a query raised by SP lawmaker Pallavi Patel, Rajbhar submitted that the number of youths getting selected through job fairs rose from 63152 in 2017-18 to 172291 in 2022-23 (updated till January 31, 2023).

The rise in employment was essentially because of the significant increase in the number of job fairs which rose from 633 in 2017-18 to 1536 in 2022-23-- an increase of over 140%.

Rajbhar told the House that a total of 14,18,601 job seekers got registered on the employment portal (sewayojan.up.nic) of the state government between March 1, 2019 and October 17, 2022.

Between 2020-21, which was also the peak of the pandemic, the employment ex-



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change organised 869 job fairs that resulted in employment to 147499 youths. He also submitted that between 2017-18 and January 31, 2022 as many as 42,279 women have got employment through these fairs.

The minister further said the skilled and unskilled labourers in UP may look up for a revision in their wages in the ongoing financial year with the state government expediting the constitution of minimum wage advisory board.

Rajbhar gave this information after RLD's Chhaprauli MLA Ajay Kumar pointed out that the financial condition of the skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled la-

bourers was unsatisfactory and demanded immediate government intervention.

The minimum wage for the unskilled labour was fixed at Rs 5750 per month while the semi-skilled and skilled labourers received minimum wages of Rs 6325 and Rs 7085 per month.

The minister said the board is expected to be formed soon after which it would be constituting its committees and subcommittees that would give its recommendations accordingly.

Kumar also raised the issue of MNREGS wages, which he said, also needed a revision. To this Rajbhar said the board would give its recommendation and the state government would act accordingly. SP legislator Arman too raised the issue of poor financial condition of weavers and zardozi workers in the state.

Responding to Khan's query, Rajbhar said the government was planning to come up with a pension scheme for zardozi and weaver community.