

Last three GBCs created 3.4 lakh jobs: UP govt in House

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Lucknow: More than 3.4 lakh people managed to get employment following the past three Ground Breaking Ceremonies (GBCs) to boost investment and industrial growth in the state, UP minister for industries Jaswant Saini informed the UP assembly on Thursday.

In a written submission, Saini said that following the first GBC in July 2018, as many as 66 projects started which generated 2,05,441 jobs. This was followed by the July 2019 GBC when 257 projects got kicked off, generating 90,871 jobs. The third GBC which was organised in June 2022

saw rolling out of 536 projects that generated 47,916 jobs. Saini's response came on a query raised by SP legislator from Sagri Hriday Narain Singh Patel who sought to know how many industries/companies started working in UP after the 2018 investor summit. Saini said that state govt signed MOUs worth Rs 4.28 lakh crore with investors who are willing to set up industries in the state.

Earlier, during a discussion of investment and industrialisation in the house, SP MLA from Jasrana (Firozabad) Sachin Yadav questioned if state govt had any proposal to provide a centralized plat-

form to highlight the quantum and the categories of jobs generated following the investor summits and the GBC. Reacting to Yadav, parliamentary affairs minister Suresh Khanna said that state govt had "no intention" of "hiding facts".

"We are here to promote investment and generate employment," he stressed. SP MLA from Macchlishahr, Ragini Sonkar said state govt has only managed to start off only 40% of the total projects started in the first investor summit in 2018. "This way it would take hundreds of years to get the exercise fully completed," she said.