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UPSC MAINS ANSWER WRITING

Q. Do you think that there is a need for a national urban employment scheme for better development in the country?

Analyse.

Ans. We always think that unemployment problem with rural areas but this is wrong, in urban areas millions of urban Indian residents are struggling without livelihood opportunities.

Some specific points needs to understand -
do this as follows:-

(i) The Standing Committee on Labour stated in its report of August 3, 2021 that "there is an imperative need for putting in place an Employment Guarantee Programme for the urban workforce in line with MGNREGA."

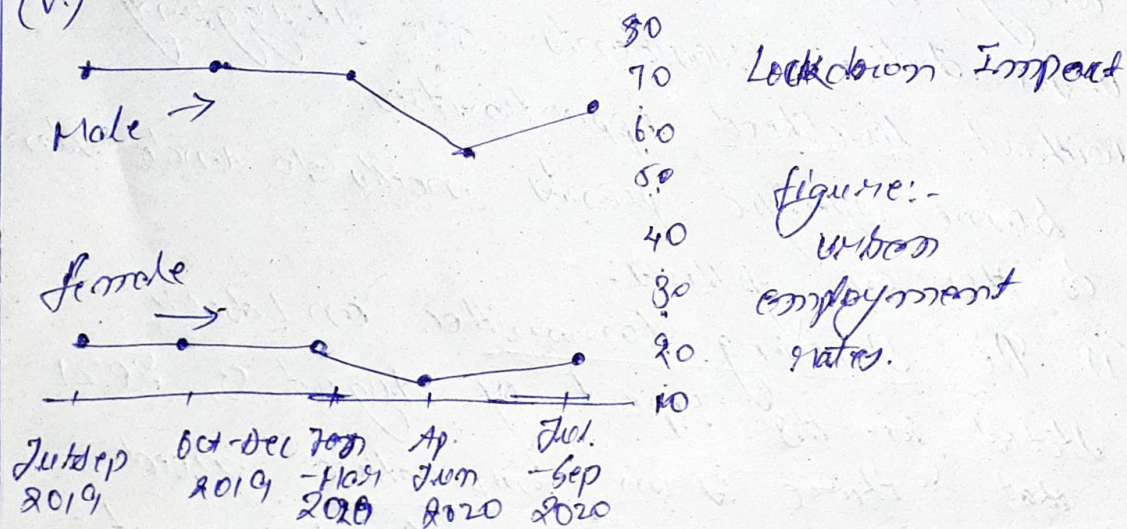
(ii) The committee also came down on the central government for failing to collect data on the number and conditions of migrant workers, who experienced such suffering during the first lockdown.

(iii) March 2020, which stretched well beyond

initial expectations and damaged or destroyed livelihoods specially of informal workers and the urban poor.

(iv) By the survey of CMIE around 65% of the estimated job losses of nearly 20 - million jobs lost between January - March 2020 and January - March 2021.

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(vi) Some State governments have attempted to bring in urban employment schemes on their own.

(vii) Some States are Kerala, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha and Madhya Pradesh taken initiatives.

Thus we can say a national urban employment scheme needs to be put in place immediately.