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Himachal govt gives job to 60,000 youth in three years

Revealing the figures of employment generation in the state, the Himachal Pradesh government on Thursday said that it had employed over 60,000 youth in the last three years.

“Employment to more than 60,000 persons has been provided in government as well as private sectors during last three years,” a government release stated, adding that, “jobs to more than 27,000 unemployed youth were provided in government sector alone”.

The government said: “Skill Development Allowance Scheme has been started to enhance the employability of youth”.

“Under the scheme, an allowance of Rs.1,000 per month for youth undergoing skill training and Rs.1,500 per month for physically challenged was being given for duration of training,” it added.

According to the government, “it has spent Rs.86.64 crore under the scheme so far”.

“Any unemployed bonafide Himachali between the age group of 16 to 36 years with family income of less than Rs.2 lakh per annum can avail the benefit of this scheme,” the government stated.

It added that it is “focusing on rapid industrialization for strengthening the economic structure of the state as well as to expand employment avenues in the private sector”.

“Single window clearance and monitoring authority has approved 267 new industrial units during last three years which would provide employment to more than 26,000 persons,” it said.

Besides, the government stated that to help youth make right career decisions, “guidance and career counseling was also being provided to the youth in schools and colleges in the state with the help of experts”.