GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2165
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2022

PERIODIC LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

2165. SMT. PHULO DEVI NETAM:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per data released by the Periodic Labour Force Survey, 51.6 per cent of rural migrants have migrated from urban areas in the aftermath of the pandemic;
(b) whether as per Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) data, a total of 122 million rural as well as urban jobs were lost in the month of April, 2020; and
(c) whether about 182 million people were either looking for jobs or had a job in the quarter just before the lockdown and about 7 million withdrew from the labour force during the lockdown period and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): As a part of the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by the National Statistical Office (NSO) information was collected during July 2020 – June 2021 on migration particulars of the household members. From the results of this survey, percentage of migrants in rural areas who migrated from urban areas was 53.7 per cent out of all migrants who migrated after March 2020.

(b) & (c): Many private companies/bodies/research organizations conduct different surveys based on their own methodology, CMIE is one amongst them. The official data source on Employment and Unemployment is Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) which is conducted by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017-18.

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As per the latest available Annual PLFS Report, the year-wise estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR), and Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above during 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 at all-India level, are given below:

Years	Worker Population Ratio (WPR) (in%)	Unemployment Rate (UR) (in %)
2018-19	47.3	5.8
2019-20	50.9	4.8
2020-21	52.6	4.2

The data in the above table indicates that unemployment rate has declined whereas the worker population ratio has increased during the year 2020-21 as compared to previous years.

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