

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1053
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH DECEMBER, 2022**

DIP IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN URBAN AREAS

1053. SHRI KARTIKEYA SHARMA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) by National Statistics Office found that the unemployment rate in Urban areas for persons above 15 has gradually dipped;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of unemployment rate in the country since the last three years; year wise and gender wise;**
- (d) whether it is a fact that the Labour Force Participation Rate of women is steadily declining; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): The data on Employment and Unemployment is collected through Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017-18. The survey period is July to June of the next year. As per the latest available Annual PLFS report, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above during 2018-19 to 2020-21 is as follows:

| Unemployment Rate(UR) (in %) | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Rural | | | |
| Years | Male | Female | Total |
| 2018-19 | 5.5 | 3.5 | 5.0 |
| 2019-20 | 4.5 | 2.6 | 3.9 |
| 2020-21 | 3.8 | 2.1 | 3.3 |
| Urban | | | |
| Years | Male | Female | Total |
| 2018-19 | 7.0 | 9.8 | 7.6 |
| 2019-20 | 6.4 | 8.9 | 6.9 |
| 2020-21 | 6.1 | 8.6 | 6.7 |
| All India | | | |
| Years | Male | Female | Total |
| 2018-19 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 5.8 |
| 2019-20 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 4.8 |
| 2020-21 | 4.5 | 3.5 | 4.2 |

Source: PLFS, MoSPI

The above data indicates that the unemployment rate has a declining trend in both rural and urban areas.

The estimated female Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) on usual status for age 15 years and above was 24.5%, 30.0% 32.5% during 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21, respectively which shows that female LFPR rate on usual status for age 15 years and above has an increasing trend.
