

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 899
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2023**

LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION AND GIG WORKERS

899. SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR:

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

- (a) the percentages of participation that the periodic labour force surveys reveal over the last five years;**
- (b) whether the relatively low unemployment rate figures reflect the sharply falling labor force participation rate (LFPR); and**
- (c) whether Government, therefore, has decided to promote the highly exploitative employment under the gig and platform economy?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): As per the Annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the estimates of Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) and Unemployment rate (UR) on usual status for persons of 15 years and above is as below:

PLFS Reports	Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR)	Unemployment Rate (UR)
2017-18	49.8%	6.0%
2018-19	50.2%	5.8%
2019-20	53.5%	4.8%
2020-21	54.9%	4.2%

As per PLFS reports from 2017-18 to 2020-21, the LFPR shows an increasing trend and unemployment rate in the country has declining trend.

The Government has launched e-Shram portal on 26.08.2021 for registration and creation of a Comprehensive National Database of Unorganized Workers including gig workers and platform workers. It allows a person to register himself or herself on the portal on self declaration basis, which is spread across around 400 occupations.
