

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1200
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01ST AUGUST, 2024
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE COUNTRY**

**1200. SHRI MITHLESH KUMAR:
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the rate of unemployment in the country has been the lowest during the last five years;**
- (b) the status of employment in the rural areas of the country;**
- (c) the status of employment in the urban areas of the country; and**
- (d) the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)**

(a) to (d): The data on Employment and Unemployment is collected through Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) which is conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017-18. The survey period is July to June every year.

As per the latest available Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above was 5.8%, 4.8%, 4.2%, 4.1% and 3.2% during 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23, respectively. The data indicates that the unemployment rate in the country has a declining trend over the years.

Further, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR), indicating employment, on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above in the rural and urban areas during the years 2018-19 to 2022-23 are as follows:

(%)

Year	Rural	Urban
2018-19	48.9	43.9
2019-20	53.3	45.8
2020-21	55.5	45.8
2021-22	55.6	46.6
2022-23	59.4	47.7

Source: PLFS

The data indicates that the employment in the country has an increasing trend over the years.