

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 159
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2024

INFORMAL SECTOR WORKERS

159. SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the total workers employed in informal sector has decreased by more than 16 lakhs between 2015-16 and 2022-23, if so, details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (b) the average per day wage of a male and a female worker in informal sector;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the number of informal enterprises that hired workers reduced to below 15 percent; and
- (d) if so, details thereof and reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE [RAO INDERJIT SINGH]

(a): The National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, has been conducting Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) since 2017 to measure the employment and unemployment situation in India. In this survey, the total workers employed in informal sector are not estimated. However, proprietary and partnership enterprises are considered as informal sector in PLFS. Further, as per the PLFS Annual Reports, estimated percentage of workers in usual status (ps+ss) engaged in non-agricultural sector in proprietary and partnership enterprise type is given in the Statement at Annexure I.

(b): The average per day wage of a male and a female informal sector is not estimated in PLFS.

(c) and (d): Information on informal enterprises is not collected in PLFS.

Annexure I

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 159
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Table (1): Percentage of usually working (ps+ss) engaged in non-agricultural sector (Divisions: 05-99 of National Industrial Classification (NIC-2008)) in proprietary and partnership enterprise	
Survey year	percentage of usually working (ps+ss) engaged in non-agricultural sector in proprietary and partnership enterprise
(1)	(2)
PLFS, 2017-18	68.2
PLFS, 2018-19	68.4
PLFS, 2019-20	69.5
PLFS, 2020-21	71.4
PLFS, 2021-22	71.8
PLFS, 2022-23	74.3
Source: <i>Annual Report, PLFS, 2017-18</i> <i>Annual Report, PLFS, 2018-19</i> <i>Annual Report, PLFS, 2019-20</i> <i>Annual Report, PLFS, 2020-21</i> <i>Annual Report, PLFS, 2021-22</i> <i>Annual Report, PLFS, 2022-23</i>	