

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2013
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2024**

SHIFT FROM WAGE-EMPLOYMENT TO SELF EMPLOYMENT

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

- (a) the data regarding the shift from wage employment to self employment from 2019- 2024;**
- (b) the steps Government is taking to address the issue of poor job quality as indicated by the shift towards self employment, given that self employment is often low-paying and unstable; and**
- (c) the measures taken to provide support to women shifting towards necessity driven self employment owing to lack of wage employment?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The official data source of Employment/ Unemployment indicator in India is the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 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 data available in latest Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR) i.e. indicating employment (on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above) has increased from 46.8% in 2017-18 to 58.2% in 2023-24.

Further, formalisation of employment in the country is seen from the fact that more than 7 crore net subscribers have joined Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) between September 2017 and September 2024.

The Prime Minister's Internship Scheme (PMIS) was announced in the Budget 2024-25, aims to provide internship opportunities to one crore youth in top 500 companies in five years. As an initiation to this Scheme, Ministry of Corporate Affairs has launched a Pilot Project of the Scheme on 3rd October, 2024, through an online portal, accessible at www.pminternship.mca.gov.in, which is targeted at providing 1.25 lakh internship opportunities in the Financial Year 2024-25.

Government's women centric schemes include Mission Shakti, Namo Drone Didi, Lakhpati Didi, Women in Science and Engineering-KIRAN (WISE-KIRAN), SERB-POWER (Promoting Opportunities for Women in Exploratory Research), etc. for improving the employability of women.

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) is implementing flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), since 2015, for imparting skill development training through Short-Term Training (STT) and up-skilling and re-skilling through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) to youth across the country. Under the scheme, more than 1.57 crore candidates have been trained and 24.37 lakh candidates have been reported placed across the country including rural areas since 2015 till 31.10.2024.

Besides, the Government is also providing training to female workers through a network of Women Industrial Training Institutes, National Vocational Training Institutes and Regional Vocational Training Institutes.

The Union Budget (2024-25) has also announced setting up of working women hostels in collaboration with industry, and establishing creches, for increasing participation of women in the workforce.
