

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2724  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024**

**MEASURES TO REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT**

**2724. DR. M. THAMBIDURAI:**

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

- (a) whether Government is taking any measures to reduce rising unemployment in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the number of jobs provided/ created in the country during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (c): The official data source on Employment and Unemployment is 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) has a decreasing trend. Unemployment Rate on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above has decreased from 4.1% in 2021-22 to 3.2% in 2023-24.**

**Further, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR) indicating employment, on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above during year 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 are 52.9%, 56.0% and 58.2% respectively. The detailed year-wise, State-wise information is available in the PLFS reports which may be seen at the website of MoSPI at [https://www.mospi.gov.in/download-reports?main\\_cat=ODU5&cat=All&sub\\_category=All](https://www.mospi.gov.in/download-reports?main_cat=ODU5&cat=All&sub_category=All)**

**Employment generation coupled with improving employability is a priority of Government and is a multi-stakeholder initiative. Accordingly, various Ministries/ Departments have taken measures like Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), Stand-UP India Scheme, Startup India, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Rural Self Employment and Training Institutes (RSETIs), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme, etc. The details of various employment generation schemes/ programmes being implemented by the Government of India may be seen at [https://dge.gov.in/dge/schemes\\_programmes](https://dge.gov.in/dge/schemes_programmes).**

**Further, Government has announced in Budget 2024-25, the Prime Minister's package of 5 schemes and initiatives to facilitate employment, skilling and other opportunities for 4.1 crore youth across the country over a 5-year period with a central outlay of Rs. 2 lakh crores.**

**Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) scheme announced in Budget 2024-25, with an outlay of Rs. 1,07,000 Crores, which aims at job creation and formalisation of work force by providing Social Security through EPFO, enhancing employability and incentivizing additional employment generation through incentives to employees and employers.**

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