

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3122
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2025**

ILO'S REPORT ON UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE COUNTRY

3122. DR. M. THAMBIDURAI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the International Labour Organisation (ILO) has submitted any report on unemployment in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including its findings;**
- (c) whether it is also a fact that 83 per cent of youth are unemployed in the country, despite rising number of educated youth; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) the steps taken by Government to reduce unemployment levels in the country?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): 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 latest available Annual PLFS reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for youth of age 15-29 years in the country has decreased from 17.8% in 2017-18 to 10.2% in 2023-24 which is lower than the global unemployment rate of youth of 13.3 per cent [As per World Employment and Social Outlook Trends, 2024 published by International Labour Organization (ILO)]. Further, as per the India Employment Report 2024 brought out by ILO -IHD (Institute of Human Development) the share of unemployed youth out of the total youth population (15 to 29 years) declined from 7% in 2019 to 5% in 2022. The report also mentions that out of the total youth population (15 to 29 years), 37% were employed, 35% were students, 22% were engaged in domestic duties and only 5% were unemployed during 2022.

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Employment generation coupled with improving employability of all including youth is a priority of Government and is a multi stakeholder Initiative. The various Ministries/ Departments of Government of India like Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Textiles, etc. are implementing different employment generation schemes/ programmes. The details of these employment generation schemes/programmes may be seen at https://dge.gov.in/dge/schemes_programmes.
