

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1756
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025

NSS SURVEYS ON EMPLOYMENT

1756. Shri Debashish Samantaray:

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

- (a) whether latest Periodic Labour Force Survey data has been released;
- (b) key findings on unemployment trends;
- (c) regional disparity in employment rates;
- (d) gender-wise statistics; and
- (e) timeline for next round of data collection?

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) to (e): National Statistics Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has been conducting Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) since 2017 to estimate various indicators related to employment and unemployment in the country. On the basis of PLFS, Quarterly Bulletins are brought out, corresponding to different quarters of the survey period giving estimates of labour force indicators, viz., Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), Worker Population Ratio (WPR), Unemployment Rate (UR), distribution of workers by broad status in employment and industry of work in the Current Weekly Status (CWS) for the urban areas. Twenty-five Quarterly Bulletins of PLFS corresponding to the quarter ending December 2018 to quarter ending December 2024 have been released. Further, Annual Reports are brought out which cover both rural and urban areas and provide estimates of all important parameters of employment and unemployment in both usual status (ps+ss) and current weekly status (CWS). Seven Annual Reports have been released spanning the period July 2017 to June 2024.

The sampling design of Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) has been revamped from January 2025 to address the requirement of high frequency labour market indicators with enhanced coverage from PLFS.

From the Monthly Bulletins of PLFS for the months of April, May and June of 2025, estimates of Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), Worker population Ratio (WPR) and Unemployment Rate (UR) in Current Weekly Status (CWS) for rural, urban and rural+urban combined among male, female and person at all India level are given in Annexure I.

The Regional disparity is not estimated in PLFS, however, the estimates are available both at the national level and the State/UT level. From Annual Report of PLFS conducted during the period July 2023 – June 2024, the estimates of LFPR, WPR and UR in usual status (ps+ss) for each State /UT are given in Annexure II.

Since 2017, PLFS is a continuous survey and is conducted in panels of two years duration. The present PLFS panel of two-year duration covers the period January 2025 to December 2026.

Source: Monthly Bulletin, PLFS, June, 2025

Annexure-II referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1756 due for reply on 04.08.2025

State/UT	Labour force indicators (in per cent) according to usual status (ps+ss) for the persons of all ages for each State/UT from PLFS 2023-24		
	LFPR	WPR	UR
Andhra Pradesh	47.5	45.6	4.1
Arunachal Pradesh	54.4	51.1	6.1
Assam	49.1	47.2	3.9
Bihar	34.5	33.5	3.0
Chhattisgarh	55.5	54.2	2.5
Delhi	36.0	35.2	2.1
Goa	39.9	36.5	8.5
Gujarat	49.6	49.1	1.1
Haryana	37.4	36.1	3.4
Himachal Pradesh	60.5	57.2	5.4
Jharkhand	44.4	43.9	1.3
Karnataka	45.4	44.1	2.7
Kerala	45.4	42.1	7.2
Madhya Pradesh	51.0	50.6	0.9
Maharashtra	46.8	45.3	3.3
Manipur	44.4	41.7	6.1
Meghalaya	50.7	47.6	6.2
Mizoram	40.4	39.5	2.3
Nagaland	49.1	45.7	7.1
Odisha	49.4	47.9	3.1
Punjab	43.7	41.3	5.5
Rajasthan	47.3	45.3	4.2
Sikkim	61.7	60.2	2.3
Tamil Nadu	47.2	45.6	3.5
Telangana	48.0	45.7	4.8
Tripura	50.0	49.2	1.7
Uttarakhand	46.2	44.2	4.3
Uttar Pradesh	40.4	39.2	3.0
West Bengal	47.7	46.4	2.6
Andaman & N. Island	53.3	47.0	11.8
Chandigarh	43.5	40.4	7.1
Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	52.3	51.1	2.3
Jammu & Kashmir	47.8	44.9	6.1
Ladakh	50.5	47.9	5.1
Lakshadweep	38.4	33.8	11.9
Puducherry	43.1	41.1	4.6
all India	45.1	43.7	3.2
Note: 2023-24 refers to the period July 2023 – June 2024			
Source: Annual Report, PLFS, 2023-24			