

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2174
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH DECEMBER, 2025**

INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

2174. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:

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

- (a) the unemployment rate among youth in the age group of 15-29, gender-wise;**
- (b) and the reasons for rise in unemployment rate among such youth to 15 per cent as per PLFS data for September 2025?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The official data on Employment and Unemployment is collected through Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), which is conducted by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017-18.

As per the latest Annual PLFS reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for youth of age 15-29 years was 10.2% during the year 2023-24 & 11.0% for female and 9.8% for male during the same period.

Also, MoSPI has revamped PLFS from January 2025. As per monthly PLFS reports, the Unemployment Rate (UR) on Current Weekly Status (CWS) for youth of age 15-29 years was 14.9% in October 2025. Changes are expected in the monthly PLFS ratios due to increased frequency and seasonal changes but do not necessarily reflect secular trends.
