

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*136**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH FEBRUARY, 2026

EMPLOYMENT PACKAGE IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR

***136. SHRI CHOWDRY MOHAMMAD RAMZAN :**

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any recent assessment regarding the number of educated unemployed youth in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir;**
- (b) the latest unemployment rate in the Union Territory, as compared to the national average; and**
- (c) whether Government is aware that prolonged unemployment among youth in the Union Territory is contributing to serious social problems, including drug abuse and crime and whether Government proposes to introduce a special, region-specific employment package aimed exclusively at generating sustainable job opportunities for unemployed youth of the Union Territory?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *136 DUE FOR REPLY ON 12.02.2026 BY SHRI CHOWDRY MOHAMMAD RAMZAN, M.P. REGARDING “EMPLOYMENT PACKAGE IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR”

(a) to (c): The data on Employment and Unemployment is collected through Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), which is conducted, by the 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 persons of age 15 years and above has decreased from 4.8% in 2019-20 to 3.2% in 2023-24 in the country and 6.7% to 6.1% during the same period in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Further, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR) indicating employment on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above has increased from 50.9% in 2019-20 to 58.2% in 2023-24 in the country and 52.5% to 60.4% during the same period in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Further, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above of different general education level during 2019-20 and 2023-24 in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is as follows:

Unemployment Rate (in %)		
General Education Level	2019-20	2023-24
Literate & Upto Primary	0.4	0.6
Middle	2.5	2.2
Secondary	5.2	2.3
Higher Secondary	14.6	10.7
Secondary & above	14.6	12.7

Source: PLFS, MoSPI

The above data shows that the Unemployment Rate for different general education level has also decreased over the years in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. State/UT-wise information is available in the PLFS reports which may be seen at the website of MoSPI at <https://www.mospi.gov.in/publications-reports> .

Employment generation coupled with improving employability (including for youth of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir) is a priority of the Government. Accordingly, Government is implementing various employment generation schemes/ programmes in the country. The details of various employment generation schemes/ programmes being implemented by the Government may be seen at https://dge.gov.in/dge/schemes_programmes.

Government is also implementing Skill India Mission (SIM) to deliver skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres/ schools/ colleges /institutes etc. under various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in the country. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India (including for youth of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir) to get future ready, equipped with industry relevant skills.

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has initiated 'FutureSkills PRIME' a programme for Re-skilling/Up-skilling of IT Manpower for Employability in 10 new/emerging technologies including Artificial Intelligence.

The Ministry of Tourism undertakes a range of promotional activities to promote tourism both internationally and domestically, including Jammu & Kashmir. Under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, a total of six projects were sanctioned in Jammu & Kashmir during 2016–17 under the Himalayan Circuit, with an approved cost of ₹519.58 crore. All these projects are physically completed. The Ministry has further revamped the scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0, shifting the focus from circuit-based development to the development of sustainable tourism destinations. These initiatives have led to an increase in tourist footfall and local employment.

Government is implementing Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme named as the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana to support employment generation, enhance employability and social security across all sectors, with special focus on the manufacturing sector. The scheme with an outlay of Rs 99,446 Crore aims to incentivize the creation of more than 3.5 Crore jobs in the country, over a period of 2 years.

Further, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India, is running the National Career Service (NCS) Portal which is a one-stop solution for providing career related services including jobs from private and government sectors, information on online & offline job fairs, job search & matching, career counselling, vocational guidance, information on skill development courses, skill/training programmes etc. through a digital platform [www.ncs.gov.in].
