

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1119**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2026

NATIONAL URBAN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

1119. SHRI SANJAY YADAV:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that according to PLFS (Periodic Labor Force Survey) (Sept-Dec, 2025), the national urban unemployment rate is 6.7 per cent, while in the State of Bihar the same is much higher;
- (b) if so, provide details of the specific steps being taken to improve the overall employment scenario in the State of Bihar; and
- (c) city-wise details of the State?

**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): National Statistics Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) conduct Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) to estimate various indicators related to employment and unemployment situation in the country. From the Monthly Bulletins of PLFS, the monthly estimates of the urban Unemployment Rate (UR) for September, 2025 to December, 2025 in Current Weekly Status (CWS) for the age group 15 years and above at the all-India level are presented below:

Estimates of urban unemployment rate (in %) in CWS for the age group 15 years and above at the all-India level for September, 2025 to December, 2025		
Sl No	Month	Urban Unemployment Rate (in %)
1	September, 2025	6.8
2	October, 2025	7.0
3	November, 2025	6.5
4	December, 2025	6.7

*Source: Monthly Bulletin, PLFS December, 2025*

The design of the PLFS does not permit monthly estimation of State-wise unemployment rates due to limitations in sample size. Consequently, monthly comparative unemployment figures for Bihar are not available. However, based on Quarterly Bulletin of PLFS, the urban unemployment rate in Bihar according to Current Weekly Status (CWS) for the age group 15 years and above was estimated at 9.6% for the period July–September, 2025.

(b): Employment generation coupled with improving employability is a priority of the Government. Accordingly, Government is implementing various nationwide employment generation schemes/ programmes which inter-alia include Prime Minister's Employment

Generation Programme (PMEGP), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Rural Self Employment and Training Institutes (RSETIs), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM), PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), etc.

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 information on 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, apprenticeship, internships etc. through a digital platform [[www.ncs.gov.in](http://www.ncs.gov.in)].

In addition, the Union Cabinet has approved Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme named as the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBRY) 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 year.

(c): The State-wise estimates as well as the city-wise estimates are not available from PLFS Monthly Bulletins due to limitations in sample size.

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