

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

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EDUCATION QUALIFICATION OF POPULATION AS PER PERIODIC LABOUR
FORCE SURVEY

1760. SHRI GOVINDBHAI LALJIBHAI DHOLAKIA:

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

- (a) the number of persons in the country who have attained education up to the secondary level as per the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), 2025;
- (b) the proportion of such persons having received minimum technical education;
- (c) the percentage of employment and education in the age group of 15 to 29 years in the said survey; and
- (d) the plan being formulated by Government to bridge this gap?

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): As per the Annual Report of the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), 2025, there are 67.8% of persons aged 15 years & above who have attained at least secondary education at the all-India level.

(b): As per PLFS 2025, 4.3% of persons of age 15 years & above have completed at least one technical education.

(c): As per PLFS 2025, according to usual status (ps+ss) at the all-India level, for persons in the age group 15–29 years, the Worker Population Ratio (WPR) is 41.4%. Estimates of education in the age-group of 15-29 years is not available in PLFS 2025.

(d): Employment generation coupled with improving employability is a priority of the Government. Accordingly, Government is implementing various employment generation schemes across the country which inter-alia includes Skill India Mission (SIM) which aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready, equipped with industry relevant skills. Reskilling and upskilling initiatives are being undertaken through multiple national programmes that support workforce transition, redeployment, and preparedness for emerging job roles. These programmes focus on structured skilling, digital literacy, and advanced technology training to ensure employability in the AI-driven economy.

In addition, the 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.

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, online & offline job fairs, job search & matching, career counselling, vocational guidance, skill development courses, skill/training programmes etc. through a digital platform [www.ncs.gov.in].
