

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 571
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD JULY, 2026**

SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT GENERATION PROGRAMME

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

- (a) whether skill development and employment generation programmes have been strengthened;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether youth participation has increased; and**
- (d) the results achieved therefrom?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Employment generation coupled with improving employability is a priority of the Government. Accordingly, Government is implementing various employment generation schemes across the country. The details of various employment generation schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government may be seen at https://dge.gov.in/schemes_programmes .

Government is 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 to get future ready, equipped with industry relevant skills.

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].

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 report, the estimated Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) in usual status for youth age 15-29 years has increased from 43.2% in 2022 to 46.0% in 2025; the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR), indicating employment for youth age 15-29 years has increased from 38.5% in 2022 to 41.4% in 2025 and the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) has decreased from 10.6% in 2022 to 9.9% in 2025 in the country.
