

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 577
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD JULY, 2026**

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

577. SHRI ANIL KUMAR YADAV MANDADI:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the fact that high unemployment rate prevails in the country and the employability of youth (15-29 years) in the country is very low;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether Government proposes to take steps to resolve high unemployment rate particularly among educated youth;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): 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.

Also, MoSPI has revamped PLFS from January 2025. The latest PLFS report 2025 is the first in the series of Annual report conducted during the calendar year (January 2025-December 2025). As per the report, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above has decreased from 3.6% in 2022 to 3.1% in 2025 in the country. Also, the UR for youth of age 15-29 years has decreased from 10.9% in 2022 to 9.9% in 2025 in the country. The UR for educated persons of age 15 years and above during 2022 and 2025 is as follows:

Unemployment Rate (in %)		
Particulars	2022	2025
Not literate	0.3	0.3
Literate & up to primary	0.8	0.6
Middle	2.0	1.6
Secondary & above	8.0	6.5

Source : PLFS, MoSPI

The above data shows that Unemployment Rate (UR) has declining trends over the years.

Further, as per latest PLFS report 2025, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR) indicating employment on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above has increased from 54.1% in 2022 to 57.4% in 2025 in the country. Also, the WPR for youth of age 15-29 years has increased from 38.5% in 2022 to 41.4% in 2025 in the country.

Employment generation coupled with improving employability is a priority of the Government. Accordingly, Government is implementing various employment generation schemes/programmes (including for youth) 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 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.

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].
