

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3372**  
ANSWERED ON 21/03/2023

**RISING RURAL UNEMPLOYMENT**

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of rising rural unemployment and reduction in labour participation rate to alarming scale i.e. 7.23 per cent to which it reached as per reports like CMIE release in February, 2023 and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Government has done independent assessment in this regard, if so, the details thereof and if not, the manner in which the Government will address the issues?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) and (b): From the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) during July 2017-June 2018, July 2018-June 2019, July 2019-June 2020, July 2020-June 2021 and July 2021 – June 2022, the estimated Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) according to usual status (principal status+ subsidiary status (ps+ss)) and estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) according to usual status (ps+ss) in rural areas of India, is given below:

<b>Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) (in percent) and Unemployment Rate (UR) (in percent) according to usual status (ps+ss) in rural areas of India during 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22</b>		
Survey (year)	LFPR (in per cent) according to usual status (ps+ss)	UR (in per cent) according to usual status (ps+ss)
PLFS (2017-18)	37.0	5.3
PLFS (2018-19)	37.7	5.0
PLFS (2019-20)	40.8	4.0
PLFS (2020-21)	42.7	3.3
PLFS (2021-22)	42.2	3.3
<i>Source: Annual Report, PLFS: 2021-22</i>		

For creating employment opportunities and imparting skills to rural people, this Ministry is implementing a number of schemes viz., Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs). While

Mahatma Gandhi NREGS assures guaranteed employment to unskilled workers in the rural areas, DDU-GKY and RSETI schemes promote employability through either wage or self-employment.

Apart from this, under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana- Gramin (PMAY-G), there is a provision to provide support of 90 persondays (95 persondays in Hill states, difficult areas and North Eastern States and Integrate Action Plan districts) unskilled wage employment at the current rates to a PMAY-G beneficiary for construction of his / her house in convergence with Mahatma Gandhi NREGA as per instructions issued from time to time. In addition to this, this Ministry is implementing the Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP), a sub scheme under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), with the objective of helping the rural poor, including artisans and weavers, to setup enterprises at the village level in non-agricultural sectors.

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