

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*54
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH JULY, 2023**

CURRENT UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

***54. MS. NUSSRAT JAHAN :
SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:**

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

- (a) the current unemployment rate in the country, the Rural and Urban area-wise;**
- (b) the details of States where unemployment rate has risen to more than 10 percent, State-wise;**
- (c) the details of the rate of unemployment in the country from July 2022 till date, month-wise and State-wise;**
- (d) the reasons for continuous increase in the unemployment rate in the country and the steps taken by the Government to address this problem; and**
- (e) the details of candidates who have become over aged due to lack of adequate opportunities and Government Jobs?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)**

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *54 DUE FOR REPLY ON 24.07.2023 BY MS. NUSSRAT JAHAN: SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ: REGARDING “CURRENT UNEMPLOYMENT RATE”

(a) to (e): The data on Employment and Unemployment is collected through Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) which is conducted by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017-18. The survey period is July to June of next year. As per the latest available Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above in both rural and urban areas during the period 2019-20 to 2021-22 are as follows:

Unemployment Rate (in %)			
Years	Rural	Urban	Total
2019-20	3.9	6.9	4.8
2020-21	3.3	6.7	4.2
2021-22	3.2	6.3	4.1

Source: PLFS, MoSPI

The data indicates that the unemployment rate in the country has a declining trend over the years, in both Rural and Urban areas.

The State/UT-wise estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above during 2019-20 to 2021-22 is at Annexure.

As per the latest available Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR) on usual status for various age groups during the period 2019-20 to 2021-22 is as follows:

Worker Population Ratio (WPR) (in %)			
Years	15-29 years	15 years & above	15-59 years
2019-20	34.7	50.9	53.9
2020-21	36.1	52.6	55.7
2021-22	36.8	52.9	56.3

Source: PLFS, MoSPI

The data indicates that the employment within age groups as well as across all age-groups has an increasing trend over the years.

Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority of the Government. Accordingly, the Government of India has taken various steps for generating employment in the country.

Investments in Infrastructure and productive capacity have a large multiplier impact on growth and employment. The budget of 2023-24 proposed to increase capital investment outlay steeply for the third year in a row by 33 per cent to Rs 10 lakh crore, which would be 3.3 per cent of GDP. This substantial increase in recent years is central to the government's efforts to enhance growth potential and job creation.

The Government of India has announced Aatmanirbhar Bharat package to provide stimulus to business and to mitigate the adverse impact of Covid 19. Under this package, the Government has provided fiscal stimulus of more than Rupees Twenty Seven lakh crore. This package comprises of various long term schemes/ programmes/ policies for making the country self-reliant and to create employment opportunities.

The Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY) was launched with effect from 1st October, 2020 to incentivize employers for creation of new employment and restoration of loss of employment during Covid-19 pandemic. The terminal date for registration of beneficiaries was 31.03.2022. Since inception of the scheme, till 02.07.2023, benefits have been provided to 60.42 lakhs beneficiaries under the scheme.

The Government is implementing Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbharNidhi (PM SVANidhi Scheme) since June 01, 2020 to facilitate collateral free working capital loan to street vendors to restart their businesses, which were adversely impacted during the Covid-19 pandemic. As on 14.07.2023, 50.18 lakh loans have been disbursed under the scheme.

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) was launched by the Government for facilitating self-employment. Under PMMY, collateral free loans upto Rs. 10 lakh, are extended to micro/small business enterprises and to individuals to enable them to setup or expand their business activities. As on 07.07.2023, more than 42.29 crore loan accounts sanctioned under the scheme.

The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme is being implemented by the Government with an outlay of Rs. 1.97 lakh crore, for a period of 5 years starting from 2021-22 which have potential for creating 60 lakh new jobs.

PM GatiShakti is a transformative approach for economic growth and sustainable development. The approach is driven by seven engines, namely, Roads, Railways, Airports, Ports, Mass Transport, Waterways and Logistics Infrastructure. This approach is powered by Clean Energy and Sabka Prayas leading to huge job and entrepreneurial opportunities for all.

The Government of India is encouraging various projects involving substantial investment and public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and Deen Dayal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) etc. for employment generation.

Further, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) is implementing the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) to enhance the employability of youth.

Besides these initiatives, various flagship programmes of the Government such as Make in India, Start-up India, Stand-up India, Digital India, Housing for All etc. are also oriented towards generating employment opportunities.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *54 due for reply on 24.07.2023

State/UT-wise details of Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above for the period 2019-20 to 2021-22

S. No.	States/UTs	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
1	Andhra Pradesh	4.7	4.1	4.2
2	Arunachal Pradesh	6.7	5.7	7.7
3	Assam	7.9	4.1	3.9
4	Bihar	5.1	4.6	5.9
5	Chhattisgarh	3.3	2.5	2.4
6	Delhi	8.6	6.3	5.3
7	Goa	8.1	10.5	12.0
8	Gujarat	2.0	2.2	2.0
9	Haryana	6.4	6.3	9.0
10	Himachal Pradesh	3.7	3.3	4.0
11	Jharkhand	4.2	3.1	2.0
12	Karnataka	4.2	2.7	3.2
13	Kerala	10	10.1	9.6
14	Madhya Pradesh	3.0	1.9	2.1
15	Maharashtra	3.2	3.7	3.5
16	Manipur	9.5	5.6	9.0
17	Meghalaya	2.7	1.7	2.6
18	Mizoram	5.7	3.5	5.4
19	Nagaland	25.7	19.2	9.1
20	Odisha	6.2	5.3	6.0
21	Punjab	7.3	6.2	6.4
22	Rajasthan	4.5	4.7	4.7
23	Sikkim	2.2	1.1	1.6
24	Tamil Nadu	5.3	5.2	4.8
25	Telangana	7.0	4.9	4.2
26	Tripura	3.2	3.2	3.0
27	Uttarakhand	7.1	6.9	7.8
28	Uttar Pradesh	4.4	4.2	2.9
29	West Bengal	4.6	3.5	3.4
30	Andaman & N. Island	12.6	9.1	7.8
31	Chandigarh	6.3	7.1	6.3
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	3.0	4.2	5.2
33	Daman & Diu	2.9		
34	Jammu & Kashmir	6.7	5.9	5.2
35	Ladakh	0.1	2.9	3.3
36	Lakshadweep	13.7	13.4	17.2
37	Puducherry	7.6	6.7	5.8
All India		4.8	4.2	4.1

Source: PLFS, MoSPI