

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 246  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2024**

**INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT AND REDUCTION IN JOBS IN VARIOUS  
SECTORS**

**246. SHRI RAMSHIROMANI VERMA :**

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

- (a) whether there has been a huge increase in the number of unemployed persons registered in the country during the last three years;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any survey regarding the reduction in jobs in various sectors during the last three years; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

**(a) to (d): 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 every 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 was 4.2%, 4.1% and 3.2% during 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23, respectively. The data indicates that the unemployment rate in the country has a declining trend over the years.**

**As per the latest available Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above was 52.6%, 52.9% and 56.0% during 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23, respectively, which indicates that the worker population ratio, indicating employment, has an increasing trend over the years.**

**The estimated percentage distribution of workers on usual status by broad industry division during 2020-21 to 2022-23 is given at Annexure.**

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**Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 246 due for reply on 05.02.2023**

**Estimated distribution of workers on usual status (in %) by broad industry division during 2020-21 to 2022-23**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Broad Industry Division as per NIC 2008</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Agriculture</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>45.5</b>	<b>45.8</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Mining &amp; Quarrying</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>11.4</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Electricity, water, etc.</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Construction</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>13.0</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Trade, hotel &amp; restaurant</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>12.1</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Transport, storage &amp; communication</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.4</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Other services</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>11.4</b>

**Source: PLFS, MoSPI**