

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2019**

LABOUR FORCE

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

- (a) the number of persons in the labour force, for rural and urban areas, for the last five years, year-wise;**
- (b) the number of persons unemployed, willing to work and active job seekers, year-wise, for rural and urban, for the last five years;**
- (c) the number of persons unemployed, willing to work but inactive in seeking jobs, year-wise, for rural and urban, for the last five years;**
- (d) the number of underemployed, marginally attached and discouraged workers, year-wise, for rural and urban, for the last five years; and**
- (e) the number of persons employed, full-time, part-time, separately, year-wise, for rural and urban, for the last five years?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a): Labour Bureau, an attached office of the M/o Labour & Employment, had launched Annual Employment-Unemployment Survey (EUS) in 2010 which, inter alia, captured the Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) for rural and urban India. The LFPR based on Usual Principal & Subsidiary Status (UPSS) in the country for the 4th (2013-14) and 5th (2015-16) round of the EUS are as under:-

Survey	Rural	Urban	Rural+Urban
Fourth EUS(2013-14)	58.8%	47.9%	55.6%
Fifth EUS (2015-16)	55.8%	43.7%	52.4%

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Annual Employment-Unemployment Survey (EUS) has been replaced by Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) being conducted on annual basis by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) since 2017-18. According to PLFS, estimates of Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) under usual status (ps+ss) for 2017-18 was 36.9% at the All India level. For rural areas, LFPR under usual status (ps+ss) stood at 37% while for the urban areas it was 36.8%. However, methodology varies in both the surveys and figures are not strictly comparable.

(b) & (c): The Unemployment Rate based on UPSS approach for persons aged 15 years & above during the 4th & 5th round of EUS were as under:-

Survey	Rural	Urban	Rural+Urban
Fourth EUS(2013-14)	2.9%	4.9%	3.4%
Fifth EUS (2015-16)	3.4%	4.4%	3.7%

Based on the PLFS conducted by NSSO during July 2017-June 2018, estimates of Unemployment Rate under usual status (ps+ss) are 6.1% at the All India level. For rural areas and urban areas the corresponding figures stood at 5.3% and 7.8% respectively.

(d) & (e): The Worker Population Rate (WPR), which indicates proportion of working persons in the total population, based on Usual Principal & Subsidiary Status(UPSS) approach for persons aged 15 years & above during the 4th & 5th round of Employment-Unemployment Survey(EUS) were as under:-

Survey	Rural	Urban	Rural+Urban
Fourth EUS(2013-14)	57.1%	45.5%	53.7%
Fifth EUS (2015-16)	53.9%	41.8%	50.5%

The corresponding estimates of Worker Population Ratio (WPR) under PLFS for 2017-18 is 34.7% at All India level. For rural areas, WPR under usual status (ps+ss) stood at 35% while for the urban areas it was 33.9%. However, methodology of EUS and PLFS varies in both the surveys and figures are not strictly comparable.