

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2181
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.03.2020**

INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT

2181. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the reasons for the increase in unemployment from 2017-18 as mentioned in the NSSO survey;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND
MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING [RAO INDERJIT SINGH]**

(a) to (c): Estimates of Employment and Unemployment are obtained through labour force surveys conducted by the National Statistical Office. These surveys were earlier conducted on a five-yearly basis and the last few such surveys were in 1999-2000, 2004-05, 2009-10 and 2011-12. During 2017-18, to have more frequent availability of Employment and Unemployment data, a new annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) was launched with certain changes in survey methodology, data collection mechanism and sampling design as

compared with the earlier quinquennial surveys. The PLFS gives estimates of key labour market statistical indicators in urban areas on a quarterly basis and generates annual estimates for rural and urban areas and are not comparable with the earlier quinquennial surveys.

As per the Annual Report of PLFS for 2017-18, the labour force estimates for all ages for usual status workers, that is, combined principal and subsidiary economic activity status, are as follows:

**All-India labour force estimates (usual status) in percentage during
2017-18**

	Rural + Urban		
	male	female	person
Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR)	55.5	17.5	36.9
Worker Population Ratio (WPR)	52.1	16.5	34.7
Unemployment Rate (UR)	6.2	5.7	6.1

As per the latest quarterly report of PLFS, the Unemployment Rate as per weekly status in urban areas for all ages is as follows:

Unemployment Rate (UR) (Weekly status) in percentage	Urban		
	male	female	person
April-June, 2018	9.0	12.8	9.8
July-September, 2018	8.9	12.7	9.7
October-December, 2018	9.2	12.3	9.9
January-March, 2019	8.7	11.6	9.3
