

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4263
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2021**

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

4263. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted a survey on the number of people who have dropped out of the workforce of the country between March 2020 and January 2021;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including that of migrant labour; and**
- (c) the estimation of the unemployment rate in the country between the said months due to the Covid-19 pandemic?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, has been conducting Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) since 2017. As per the second Annual Report of PLFS (July 2018-June 2019) released in June, 2020, the Labour force participation Rate(LFPR), Worker Population Ratio(WPR) and Unemployment Rate(UR) according to usual status for persons of age 15 years and above at all India level (rural+urban) is 37.5%, 35.3% and 5.8% respectively.

Under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana (ABRY) Scheme, being implemented to incentivize creation of new employment along with social security benefits and restoration of loss of employment during COVID-19 pandemic, approximately 16.5 lakhs beneficiaries have registered themselves with the Scheme w.e.f 01.10.2020. Out of this, approximately 13.64 lakhs are new joiners with UAN generated on or after 01.10.2020 and approximately 2.86 lakhs are re-joiners who were rendered un-employed during covid pandemic from 01.03.2020 to 30.09.2020 & rejoined from 01.10.2020 onwards.
