

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

**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*81  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2024**

**UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE COUNTRY**

**\*81. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE :**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the World Bank's Report, which has predicted that nearly 69 per cent of people will become unemployed by 2030 in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto;**
- (c) the details of current unemployment rate in urban and rural areas of the country in the age group of 18-25, 25-40, 40-55, State-wise;**
- (d) the number of new employment generated during the last five years of 2019-2024, Statewise and Sector-wise; and**
- (e) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to generate new employment opportunities in the country to bring unemployment rate below 3% against present 8.7% by 2025?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*81 DUE FOR REPLY ON 29.07.2024 BY SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE REGARDING “UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE COUNTRY”**

**(a) to (e): As per Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) report which is conducted by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017-18, the Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for different age groups during last five years has a decreasing trend, which is as follows:**

<b>Unemployment Rate (in %)</b>									
<b>Years</b>	<b>15-29 years</b>			<b>15-59 years</b>			<b>15 years &amp; above</b>		
	<b>Rural</b>	<b>Urban</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Rural</b>	<b>Urban</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Rural</b>	<b>Urban</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2018-19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>5.8</b>
<b>2019-20</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>2020-21</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>2021-22</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>2022-23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>3.2</b>

**Source: PLFS, MoSPI**

**The data in the above table indicates that the unemployment rate in the country has declined across all age groups and sectors and was 3.2% in 2022-23 for 15 years and above. The State/UT-wise estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for various age groups during 2022-23 is at Annexure I.**

**As per Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR), indicating employment, on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above during 2018-19 to 2022-23 has an increasing trend, as per table below:**

<b>Worker Population Ratio (in %)</b>			
<b>Years</b>	<b>Rural</b>	<b>Urban</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2018-19</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>47.3</b>
<b>2019-20</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>50.9</b>
<b>2020-21</b>	<b>55.5</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>52.6</b>
<b>2021-22</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>46.6</b>	<b>52.9</b>
<b>2022-23</b>	<b>59.4</b>	<b>47.7</b>	<b>56.0</b>

**Source: PLFS, MoSPI**

**State/UT-wise estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR), indicating employment on usual status for persons of age 15 years & above during 2018-19 to 2022-23 is at Annexure II.**

**Further, the KLEMS (K: Capital, L: Labour, E: Energy, M: Materials and S: Services) database published by Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) provides employment estimates at all India level. As per the latest data of the database, provisional estimates for 2023-24, employment in the country increased to 64.33 crore in year 2023-24 compared to 49.26 crore in 2018-19. Total increase in employment during 2018-19 to 2023-24 is about 15.07 crore. Sector wise employment generated is released by RBI till year 2022-23. New employment generated during the years 2018-19 to 2022-23 was 2.93 crore, 1.63 crore, 0.79 crore and 5.02 crore in service, construction, manufacturing and agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing sectors respectively.**

**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.**

**The various Ministries/ Departments of Government of India like Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Textile, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology etc. are implementing different employment generation schemes/ programmes 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), Rural Self Employment and Training Institutes (RSETIs), Deen Dayal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), etc. including increase in capital expenditure to boost employment creation. The details of various employment generation schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government of India may be seen at [https://dge.gov.in/dge/schemes\\_programmes](https://dge.gov.in/dge/schemes_programmes).**

**Further, Government announced in the Budget 2024-25, the Prime Minister's package of 5 schemes and initiatives to facilitate employment, skilling and other opportunities for 4.1 crore youth over a 5-year period with a central outlay of Rs. 2 lakh crore.**

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Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. \*81 due for reply on 29.07.2024

State/UT-wise estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) during 2022-23 (in %).

S. No.	States/UTs	2022-23		
		15-29 years	15-59 years	15 years & above
1	Andhra Pradesh	15.7	4.4	4.1
2	Arunachal Pradesh	17.6	5.1	4.8
3	Assam	4.3	1.7	1.7
4	Bihar	13.9	4.3	3.9
5	Chhattisgarh	7.1	2.7	2.4
6	Delhi	6.1	2.0	1.9
7	Goa	27.4	10.0	9.7
8	Gujarat	5.1	1.8	1.7
9	Haryana	17.5	6.4	6.1
10	Himachal Pradesh	12.5	5.0	4.3
11	Jharkhand	4.7	1.8	1.7
12	Karnataka	8.5	2.6	2.4
13	Kerala	28.7	8.4	7.0
14	Madhya Pradesh	4.4	1.7	1.6
15	Maharashtra	10.9	3.4	3.1
16	Manipur	19.7	5.0	4.7
17	Meghalaya	18.0	6.2	6.0
18	Mizoram	11.9	2.3	2.2
19	Nagaland	18.5	4.6	4.3
20	Odisha	13.8	4.3	3.9
21	Punjab	17.5	6.7	6.1
22	Rajasthan	12.5	4.9	4.4
23	Sikkim	10.2	2.4	2.2
24	Tamil Nadu	17.5	4.8	4.3
25	Telangana	15.1	4.6	4.4
26	Tripura	6.1	1.5	1.4
27	Uttarakhand	14.2	4.9	4.5
28	Uttar Pradesh	7.0	2.6	2.4
29	West Bengal	7.1	2.3	2.2
30	Andaman & N. Island	24.6	10.3	9.7
31	Chandigarh	7.2	4.1	4.0
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli			
33	Daman & Diu	4.4	2.6	2.5
34	Jammu & Kashmir	13.7	4.8	4.4
35	Ladakh	28.1	6.7	6.1
36	Lakshadweep	41.6	11.6	11.1
37	Puducherry	23.2	6.1	5.6
	All India	10.0	3.4	3.2

Source: PLFS Annual Reports, MoSPI

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State/UT-wise estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years & above during 2018-19 to 2022-23 (in %).

S. No.	State/UT	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
1	Andhra Pradesh	54.8	55.5	58.6	57.8	58.6
2	Arunachal Pradesh	40.9	44.3	48.5	47.1	64.9
3	Assam	43.4	43.2	50.5	52.1	54.5
4	Bihar	36.4	39.7	39.9	39.3	47.0
5	Chhattisgarh	61.2	65.4	63.6	64.9	70.1
6	Delhi	44.5	43.3	42.7	42.3	45.8
7	Goa	45.9	47.3	43.4	41.6	45.1
8	Gujarat	49.7	54.7	55.0	56.8	61.5
9	Haryana	41.9	42.9	44.0	42.5	44.9
10	Himachal Pradesh	63.9	70.5	69.5	71.2	73.8
11	Jharkhand	44.9	53.6	59.6	60.7	60.9
12	Karnataka	49.3	53.1	55.3	53.0	55.6
13	Kerala	44.9	45.3	46.1	48.8	50.5
14	Madhya Pradesh	52.3	57.7	60.2	60.7	63.4
15	Maharashtra	50.6	55.7	53.9	55.9	57.6
16	Manipur	44.3	45.5	41.0	40.6	48.7
17	Meghalaya	61.8	58.6	62.0	60.5	65.8
18	Mizoram	45.6	50.7	54.5	48.9	55.2
19	Nagaland	38.1	44.8	49.5	58.4	69.4
20	Odisha	47.6	51.9	53.5	52.4	58.9
21	Punjab	44.2	47.8	47.2	48.5	50.2
22	Rajasthan	50.0	55.0	55.3	54.7	58.8
23	Sikkim	61.1	68.8	71.3	69.9	74.0
24	Tamil Nadu	51.4	55.3	56.9	55.8	54.7
25	Telangana	50.6	55.7	57.8	58.1	57.7
26	Tripura	41.9	49.6	53.8	50.6	54.3
27	Uttarakhand	41.4	49.5	48.7	48.7	53.5
28	Uttar Pradesh	40.8	45.1	48.0	50.1	53.9
29	West Bengal	49.7	49.7	53.0	52.7	56.1
30	A & N Islands	49.1	49.8	58.2	59.2	60.0
31	Chandigarh	47.3	45.5	43.1	42.2	45.6
32	D & N Haveli	68.6	72.2	54.0	65.8	65.0
33	Daman & Diu	55.1	64.5			
34	Jammu & Kashmir	52.9	52.5	55.5	58.3	60.7
35	Ladakh	-	62.7	69.1	58.1	57.0
36	Lakshadweep	29.5	48.0	40.1	37.2	35.5
37	Puducherry	47.8	47.7	48.1	51.2	49.6
	All India	47.3	50.9	52.6	52.9	56.0

Source: PLFS, MoSPI