

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1030  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2024**

**INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT IN RURAL AREAS**

**1030. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that there has been an increase in unemployment among the youth in rural areas, especially in the State of Haryana;**
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government to address the issue, if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to organize any job fairs to provide employment opportunities to the youth, especially in rural areas of Haryana; and**
- (d) if so, the State/UT-wise details of employment fairs organized so far during the last year, if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)**

**(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 and 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 youth of age 15-29 years in the country and in Haryana during 2021-22 & 2022-23 are as follows:**

(%)

<b>Year</b>	<b>All India</b>	<b>Haryana</b>
<b>2021-22</b>		
<b>Rural</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>24.1</b>
<b>Rural+Urban</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>23.3</b>
<b>2022-23</b>		
<b>Rural</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>16.6</b>
<b>Rural+ Urban</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>17.5</b>

**Source: PLFS**

**The data indicates that the unemployment rate in the country as well as in Haryana has a declining trend over the years.**

**The State Employment Exchanges/Model Career Centres regularly organize job fairs. The State/UT-wise details during 2023-24 is at annexure.**

**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).**

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**Annexure**

**Annexure referred to in reply of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1030  
due for reply on 29.07.2024**

**State/UT-wise details of employment fairs organized**

<b>Sr.No.</b>	<b>Job Fair State</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	934
2	Arunachal Pradesh	14
3	Assam	79
4	Bihar	666
5	Chandigarh	1
6	Chhattisgarh	210
7	Delhi	46
8	Gujarat	704
9	Haryana	72
10	Himachal Pradesh	15
11	Jammu & Kashmir	240
12	Jharkhand	459
13	Karnataka	323
14	Kerala	154
15	Madhya Pradesh	25
16	Maharashtra	578
17	Manipur	10
18	Meghalaya	48
19	Mizoram	7
20	Nagaland	19
21	Odisha	988
22	Puducherry	65
23	Punjab	451
24	Rajasthan	266
25	Sikkim	12
26	Tamil Nadu	256
27	Telangana	179
28	Tripura	17
29	Uttar Pradesh	1239
30	Uttarakhand	65
31	West Bengal	237
<b>All India</b>		<b>8379</b>

**Source : As per data received from the State Employment Exchanges/  
Model Career Centres**