

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1050
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH JULY, 2024**

MEASURES TO REDUCE RISING UNEMPLOYMENT

1050. SMT. GENIBEN NAGAJI THAKOR:

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

- (a) whether the Government is taking any measures to reduce rising unemployment in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the number of jobs provided in the country during the last three years; and**
- (d) the district-wise details of Gujarat in this regard??**

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 persons of age 15 years and above was 4.2%, 4.1% and 3.2% during 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23, respectively. The data indicates that the unemployment rate in the country has a declining trend over the years.

Further, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR), indicating employment, on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above in the country was 52.6%, 52.9% and 56.0% during 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23, respectively. The data indicates that the employment in the country has an increasing trend over the years. The report provides States/UTs level estimates, which are attached 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.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1050 due for reply on 29.07.2024

State/UT-wise details of Worker Population Ratio (WPR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above for the period 2020-21 to 2022-23 (in %)

Sr. No.	State/UT	Worker Population Ratio		
		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
1	Andhra Pradesh	58.6	57.8	58.6
2	Arunachal Pradesh	48.5	47.1	64.9
3	Assam	50.5	52.1	54.5
4	Bihar	39.9	39.3	47.0
5	Chhattisgarh	63.6	64.9	70.1
6	Delhi	42.7	42.3	45.8
7	Goa	43.4	41.6	45.1
8	Gujarat	55.0	56.8	61.5
9	Haryana	44.0	42.5	44.9
10	Himachal Pradesh	69.5	71.2	73.8
11	Jharkhand	59.6	60.7	60.9
12	Karnataka	55.3	53.0	55.6
13	Kerala	46.1	48.8	50.5
14	Madhya Pradesh	60.2	60.7	63.4
15	Maharashtra	53.9	55.9	57.6
16	Manipur	41.0	40.6	48.7
17	Meghalaya	62.0	60.5	65.8
18	Mizoram	54.5	48.9	55.2
19	Nagaland	49.5	58.4	69.4
20	Odisha	53.5	52.4	58.9
21	Punjab	47.2	48.5	50.2
22	Rajasthan	55.3	54.7	58.8
23	Sikkim	71.3	69.9	74.0
24	Tamil Nadu	56.9	55.8	54.7
25	Telangana	57.8	58.1	57.7
26	Tripura	53.8	50.6	54.3
27	Uttarakhand	48.7	48.7	53.5
28	Uttar Pradesh	48.0	50.1	53.9
29	West Bengal	53.0	52.7	56.1
30	Andaman & N. Island	58.2	59.2	60.0
31	Chandigarh	43.1	42.2	45.6
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	54.0	65.8	65.0
33	Jammu & Kashmir	55.5	58.3	60.7
34	Ladakh	69.1	58.1	57.0
35	Lakshadweep	40.1	37.2	35.5
36	Puducherry	48.1	51.2	49.6
All India		52.6	52.9	56.0

Source: PLFS, MoSPI