

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2264
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05TH AUGUST, 2024

STATUS OF UNEMPLOYMENT

2264. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:
SHRI K RADHAKRISHNAN:

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

- (a) the details of the most recent data on the total number of unemployed individuals in the country, State-wise and age group-wise;**
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to address the increase in the unemployment rate which is reported to have risen by 7%;**
- (c) the initiatives taken by the Government to enhance skill development and vocational training to address the skill gap contributing to unemployment;**
- (d) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to support Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to generate employment opportunities;**
- (e) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the economic impact of the rising unemployment rate on the overall economy;**
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (g) whether the Government has any long-term strategies to ensure sustainable employment growth to reduce unemployment rates?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (g): The data on Employment and Unemployment is collected through Annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) which is conducted by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017-18. The survey period is July to June every year.

As per the data available in latest Annual PLFS Report, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above, during 2017-18 to 2022-23 has a decreasing trend as per table below:

Years	UR (in %)
2017-18	6.0
2018-19	5.8
2019-20	4.8
2020-21	4.2
2021-22	4.1
2022-23	3.2

Source: PLFS, MoSPI

State/UT-wise and age group wise details are at Annexure.

Under the Government of India's Skill India Mission (SIM), the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) delivers skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres/ institutes etc. under various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), to all the sections of the society across the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready, equipped with industry relevant skills.

Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) implements various schemes and programmes aimed at promotion and development of MSME sector, thereby creating more jobs. These schemes and programmes include Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE), Micro and Small Enterprises – Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP), Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP), etc.

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 Textiles, 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), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Rural Self Employment and Training Institutes (RSETIs), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), etc., which, alongwith increase in capital expenditure, seeks 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.

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.

Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) to (g) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2264 due for reply on 05.08.2024

State/UT-wise details of Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of different age groups during 2022-23 (in %)

Sr.No.	State/UT	15-29 years	15-59 years	15 years and 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 and Daman & Diu	4.4	2.6	2.5
33	Jammu & Kashmir	13.7	4.8	4.4
34	Ladakh	28.1	6.7	6.1
35	Lakshadweep	41.6	11.6	11.1
36	Puducherry	23.2	6.1	5.6
	All India	10.0	3.4	3.2

Source: PLFS, MoSPI