

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 31
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY, 2024
NEW EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEE SCHEME**

31. THIRU D M KATHIR ANAND:

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

- (a) whether it is true that more than 30 crore youth population between age 18 and 35 are still unemployed or under employed and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Union Government has chalked out any comprehensive Employment Generation Programme to solve the unemployment problem and job loss in the country and if so the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has devised any new employment guarantee scheme to mitigate the unemployment problem in the country especially to leather sector and textile sector;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) the affirmative action taken/to be taken by the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): 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 on usual status for different age groups during the last few years in the country is as follows:

Year	Unemployment Rate (%)		
	15-29 years	15-59 years	15 years and above
2017-18	17.8	6.5	6.0
2018-19	17.3	6.2	5.8
2019-20	15.0	5.2	4.8
2020-21	12.9	4.6	4.2
2021-22	12.4	4.4	4.1
2022-23	10.0	3.4	3.2

Source: PLFS, MoSPI

The data indicates that the unemployment rate in the country has a decreasing trend across all age groups.

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 and Medium Enterprises, Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, etc. are implementing different employment generation schemes/ programmes (including leather and textile sectors) 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. 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.

Government has also increased capital expenditure outlay from 10 lakh crore in 2023-24 to 11.11 lakh crore in 2024-25 which will have a multiplier impact on the economic growth and employment creation.
