

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1027
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02ND DECEMBER, 2024
KLEMS REPORT

1027. SMT. PRATIMA MONDAL:

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

- (a) the methodology and rationale behind the claim in the India "Capital, Labour, Energy, Materials and Service" (KLEMS) Report that employment grew by 8 crore (80 million) between 2020-21 and 2022-23, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, in light of the ILO's report that employment stagnated in East and South-east Asia, including India; and**
- (b) whether there is a significant discrepancy between the KLEMS Report and the Periodic Labour Force Survey, which shows an increase of only 3 crore in employment during the same period and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b): The official data source on Employment and Unemployment is 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 Worker Population Ratio (WPR) indicating employment, on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above increased from 52.6% in 2020-21 to 56% in 2022-23.

The positive trend in employment is also seen in the KLEMS "Capital, Labour, Energy, Materials and Service" database, released by RBI which covers 27 industries comprising of the entire Indian economy and provides employment estimates at all India level. As per the latest data of this database, employment in the country increased from 56.56 crores in 2020-21 to 59.67 crores in 2022-23. The detailed methodology behind the KLEMS database may be seen at <https://m.rbi.org.in/Scripts/PublicationReportDetails.aspx?UrlPage=&ID=1275>.