

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1105**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 02<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2024**

**HIGHER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN MAHARASHTRA**

**1105. SHRI TATKARE SUNIL DATTATREY:**

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

- (a) whether it is true that based on available current data, Maharashtra State has a higher unemployment rate than the entire country mainly due to the mismatch between the skills held by the worker and the demands of the job market and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether it is also true that the COVID-19 epidemic has worsened the State's unemployment crisis and resulted in job losses in several industries as specialized skills are necessary for many industries in the State and there is frequently a discrepancy between job seekers' skills and employers' demands;**
- (c) if so, the details of steps taken by the Government for improving access to skill-based vocational training programmes to better align the workforce to meet the industrial needs; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**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 during the years 2017-18 to 2023-24 are as follows:**

Year	UR (in %)	
	Maharashtra	All-India
2017-18	4.8	6.0
2018-19	5.0	5.8
2019-20	3.2	4.8
2020-21	3.7	4.2
2021-22	3.5	4.1
2022-23	3.1	3.2
2023-24	3.3	3.2

**Source: PLFS**

**The unemployment rate in Maharashtra declined from 3.7% in 2021 to 3.5% in 2021-22 and further to 3.1% in 2022-23**

**As per the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) latest KLEMS (K: Capital, L: Labour, E: Energy, M: Materials and S: Services) data, employment in the country, including Maharashtra, increased to 64.33 crore in year 2023-24 compared to 47.5 crore in 2017-18. Total increase in employment during 2017-18 to 2023-24 is about 16.83 crore.**

**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 Maharashtra. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready, equipped with industry relevant skills.**

**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 crores.**

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