

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1126
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2 DECEMBER 2024**

HOUSEHOLD INCOME DECLINE

†1126. Smt. Dhanorkar Pratibha Suresh:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the real household income has fallen to an unprecedented low due to slow wages growth and skyrocketing inflation; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to address the said challenge of declining incomes faced by the Country's economy?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

- (a) As per the National Accounts Statistics 2024, the gross disposable income of the households (including non-profit institutions serving households) is available only at current prices, and till the year 2022-23. During 2021-22 and 2022-23, the growth rate in gross household disposable income at current prices averaged 13.5 per cent, which was higher than the average retail inflation of 6.1 per cent. The data from the periodic labour force survey (PLFS) shows that the work force participation rate increased from 56 per cent in 2022-23 to 58.2 per cent in 2023-24. The PLFS data also showed that the growth in average wage/salary earnings at current weekly status exceeded the retail inflation rate in 2023-24. The retail inflation rate declined to 4.8 per cent in 2024-25 (April-October) compared to 5.4 per cent in 2023-24.
- (b) The government's focus on ease of doing business, skilling, employment generation and as well as creation of infrastructure creates a congenial environment for growth of household income.
