GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1138 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02ND DECEMBER, 2024

UNEMPLOYED IN THE COUNTRY

1138. SHRI P V MIDHUN REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the findings of International Labour Organisation's India Employment Report 2024, which states that 83% of youth are unemployed in the country, despite rising levels of educated youth; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b): The official data source of Employment/ Unemployment indicator in India is the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 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 youth of age 15-29 years in the country has decreased from 17.8% in 2017-18 to 10.2% in 2023-24 which is lower than the global unemployment rate of youth of 13.3 per cent [As per World Employment and Social Outlook Trends, 2024 published by International Labour Organization (ILO)].

Further, as per India Employment Report 2024 brought out by ILO-IHD (Institute for Human Development), the share of unemployed youth in total youth population declined from 7% in 2019 to 5% in 2022. The report also mentions that out of the total youth population (15-29 years), 37% were employed, 35% were students, 22% were in domestic duties, and only 5% were unemployed during 2022.

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