

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1101
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 2025
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN ASSAM**

1101. MD. RAKIBUL HUSSAIN:

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

- (a) whether the estimated unemployment rate shoot up in various districts of Assam including Dhubri HPC as revealed by Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy database on December, 2024 'Unemployment Rate in India';**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the facts in this regard;**
- (c) whether the number of those employed in rural areas and urban areas of Assam dropped significantly in the last few years and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether there has also been a dip in the estimated labour participation rate; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): The official 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 data available in latest Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above for the state of Assam has decreased from 7.9% in 2019-20 to 3.9% in 2023- 24.

The estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above in rural and urban areas of Assam for the years 2017-18 and 2023-24 are as follows:

Years	WPR (in %)	
	Rural	Urban
2017-18	43.8	42.8
2023-24	66.1	51.6

Source: PLFS, MoSPI

The data indicates that the worker population ratio, indicating employment, has increased during the years 2017-18 to 2023-24 in rural and urban areas of Assam.

As per the data available in latest Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Labour Force Participation Rate(LFPR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above for the state of Assam has increased from 46.9% in 2019-20 to 66.9% in 2023- 24.

Employment generation coupled with improving employability is a priority of Government. Various steps to expand job opportunities through various employment generation schemes/ programmes have been taken, such as: Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDUGKY), Rural Self Employment and Training Institutes (RSETIs), Standup India, Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), Production Linked Incentive (PLI), Make in India, Startup India etc., which, along with increase in capital expenditure, seeks to boost employment creation, increase production and productivity. 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.

Further, Government announced in the Budget 2024-25, 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.
