

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3688  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2025**

**UNPAID CARE AND DOMESTIC WORK**

**3688. SHRI S VENKATESAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study on Unpaid Care and Domestic Work (UCDW) performed by Indian women;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of the percentage of Indian women who remain outside the labour force;**
- (d) whether there is any available data on "time poverty" suffered by Indian women, particularly its impact on poor and marginalized sections; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (e): The National Statistics Office (NSO) under Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation conducts Time Use Survey (TUS). The first survey was conducted during January-December, 2019 and the latest survey was conducted during January-December, 2024. TUS is an important source of information on the time spent in unpaid caregiving activities, volunteer work, unpaid domestic service producing activities of the household members. A comparison of data from the reports of the TUS 2019 and TUS 2024 reveals that the 'participation rate' and 'average time spent' in paid activities by women has increased. The details of the surveys are available in the reports which can be accessed at:- <https://www.mospi.gov.in/download-reports>.**

**The official data on Employment and Unemployment is collected through Annual 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 Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) on usual status for females of age 15 years and above during the years 2017-18 to 2023-24 has increased from 23.3 % to 41.7%. The reports of the survey can be accessed at:- <https://www.mospi.gov.in/download-reports>.**

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