

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1471  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026**

**STATUS OF EMPLOYMENT OF SKILLED WORKERS**

**1471. SHRI MANI A :**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that a significant number of skilled workers despite possessing talent and formal training remain unemployed or underemployed and are compelled to migrate to other States or overseas in search of work and if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) whether districts with high out-migration such as Dharmapuri have disproportionately high rates of skilled labour joblessness and if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) the reasons identified by the Government for such persistent unemployment among trained workers including gaps between skill training and industry demand, lack of local employment opportunities and weak placement linkages; and**
- (d) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to align the skill programmes with local industry needs, incentivising job creation in backward regions, strengthening apprenticeships and placement support and monitoring outcomes to reduce forced migration of skilled youth?**

**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 age 15 years and above has decreased from 6.0% in 2017-18 to 3.2% in 2023-24. Further, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR), indicating employment, on usual status for age 15 years and above has increased from 46.8% in 2017-18 to 58.2% in 2023-24.**

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

**Directorate General of Training (DGT), under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), has developed 169 NSQF-compliant courses, including 31 new-age/Future Skills courses under the Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS), to skill the youth across the country and to meet the industry's demand for skilled manpower. These courses are delivered through a nationwide network of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs).**

**In addition, DGT is implementing the Flexi MoU Scheme and the Dual System of Training (DST) to provide trainees with an industrial training environment, strengthen industry linkages, and familiarize them with the latest technologies and industry practices.**

**MSDE has launched Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) a unified platform that integrates skilling, education, employment, and entrepreneurship ecosystems to provide a life-long array of services. The details of the trained candidates are available on SIDH portal for connecting with potential employers. Through SIDH, candidates can have access to jobs and apprenticeship opportunities. Further, Rozgar Melas and Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Melas (PMNAMs) have been organized to facilitate the placements and apprenticeship opportunities to the certified candidates across the country.**

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