

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2570
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09TH MARCH, 2026
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE COUNTRY**

2570. SHRI MURARI LAL MEENA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the unemployment rate in the country has increased and the employment opportunities for youth, particularly educated youth, have become limited;**
- (b) if so, the details of the unemployment rate in the country during the last three years and the current year, State and year-wise along with separately for Rajasthan, Dausa district/Parliamentary Constituency;**
- (c) whether the Government uses the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) or any other methodology to assess the unemployment rate and if so, the details thereof along with the frequency at which such data is collected; and**
- (d) the details of the analysis made by the Government regarding the major reasons for the rising trend of unemployment, particularly in rural and semi-urban areas of the country, such as Dausa in Rajasthan?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The official data on Employment and Unemployment is collected through Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), which is conducted by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017-18.

As per the latest Annual PLFS reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above has decreased from 4.1% in 2021-22 to 3.2% in 2022-23 & 2023-24 in the country and 4.7% to 4.4% and further to 4.2% during the same period in the State of Rajasthan.

Also, the UR on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above has decreased from 5.3% in 2017-18 to 2.5% in 2023-24 in the rural areas of the country (including Rajasthan) and from 7.7% to 5.1% during the same period in the urban areas of the country.

Further, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR) indicating employment on usual status for youth of age 15-29 years has increased from 31.4% in 2017-18 to 41.7% in 2023-24 in the country. Detailed methodology, State/UT-wise & Rural & Urban area wise information is available in the PLFS reports which may be seen at the website of MoSPI at <https://www.mospi.gov.in/publications-reports> .

The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) has been conducted on annual basis since 2017 and with quarterly urban estimates from 2018. Additionally, monthly as well as quarterly rural estimates are released by MoSPI since January, 2025.
