

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5052  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH, 2026  
EMPLOYMENT AMONG EDUCATED YOUTH**

**5052. SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:**

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

- (a) whether the unemployment rate among educated youth in the age group of 18 to 32 years in the Country is significantly higher as compared to the general population;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;**
- (c) the details of the factors contributing to the high rate of unemployment among educated youth in the Country; and**
- (d) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide employment to educated youth and to reduce the unemployment rate in the Country?**

**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 youth of age 15-29 years has decreased from 17.8% in 2017-18 to 10.2% in 2023-24. Also, 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.**

**Further, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for youth of age 15-29 years of different general education level during 2017-18 and 2023-24 is as follows:**

<b>Unemployment Rate (in %)</b>		
<b>General Education Level</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
<b>Literate &amp; Upto Primary</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>Middle</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>Secondary</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>4.9</b>
<b>Higher Secondary</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>8.8</b>
<b>Secondary &amp; above</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>15.4</b>

**Source: PLFS, MoSPI**

**The above data shows that the Unemployment Rate for different general education level has also decreased over the years. State/UT-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>.**

**Employment generation coupled with improving employability is a priority of the Government. Accordingly, Government is implementing various employment generation schemes/ programmes in the country. The details of various employment generation schemes/ programmes being implemented by the Government may be seen at [https://dge.gov.in/dge/schemes\\_programmes](https://dge.gov.in/dge/schemes_programmes).**

**Government is also implementing Skill India Mission (SIM) to deliver skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres/ schools/ colleges /institutes etc. under various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in the country. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready, equipped with industry relevant skills.**

**Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has initiated 'FutureSkills PRIME' a programme for Re-skilling/Up-skilling of IT Manpower for Employability in 10 new/emerging technologies including Artificial Intelligence.**

**Government is implementing Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme named as the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana to support employment generation, enhance employability and social security across all sectors, with special focus on the manufacturing sector. The scheme with an outlay of Rs 99,446 Crore aims to incentivize the creation of more than 3.5 Crore jobs in the country, over a period of 2 years.**

**Further, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India, is running the National Career Service (NCS) Portal which is a one-stop solution for providing career related services including jobs from private and government sectors, information on online & offline job fairs, job search & matching, career counselling, vocational guidance, information on skill development courses, skill/training programmes etc. through a digital platform [[www.ncs.gov.in](http://www.ncs.gov.in)].**

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