

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 35
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH JULY, 2026**

**YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS IN ANDHRA
PRADESH**

35. SHRI P V MIDHUN REDDY:

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

- (a) the details of the unemployment rate in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years and the current year, year-wise;**
- (b) whether the Government has assessed the specific causes of youth unemployment and the measures taken or proposed to improve employment opportunities for young job-seekers in the said State during the last two years and the current year;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;**
- (d) the details of unemployment in rural-urban areas of the said State during the last two years and the current year, year and gender-wise;**
- (e) whether the Government has assessed the impact of industrial and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) closures on employment trends in the said State during the last two years and current year; and**
- (f) if so, the findings thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (f): 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 Annual PLFS reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above has decreased from 4.2% in 2021-22 to 4.1% in 2023-24 in the State of Andhra Pradesh and 3.5% to 3.4% in rural areas and 6.0% to 5.9% in urban areas of Andhra Pradesh during the same period.

Also, MoSPI has revamped PLFS from January 2025. The latest PLFS report 2025 is the first in the series of Annual report conducted during the calendar year (January 2025-December 2025). As per the report, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above was 4.2% in Andhra Pradesh and 3.4% in rural areas and 6.2% in urban areas during the year 2025. Also, the UR for youth of age 15-29 years was 16.2% in Andhra Pradesh during the same period.

Udyam Registration Portal (URP) was launched on 01.07.2020, The number of registered Enterprises, including IMEs, as of 15.07.2026 is more than 9.0 Crore. Enterprises de-register on the Portal due to a number of reasons such as certificate not required anymore, shutting down, duplicate registration, change in the company owner and other reasons. As per data on Udyam Registration Portal about, 0.17 % MSMEs have been de-registered due to shut down since inception of Udyam Registration Portal.

However, as per the latest Annual PLFS reports, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR) indicating employment on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above has increased from 54.1% in 2022 to 57.4% in 2025 in the country.

Employment generation coupled with improving employability (including youth of Andhra Pradesh) 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.

The Government of India, through the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), implements various schemes for the promotion and development of MSMEs across the country. These schemes/programmes include Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE), Micro and Small Enterprises-Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP), Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programme (ESDP), Procurement and Marketing Support Scheme (PMSS), Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP), International Cooperation scheme, Tool Rooms, Technology Centre System Programme (TCSP), National SC/ST Hub (NSSH), MSME Champions, PM Vishwakarma etc.

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].
