

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1056
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH JULY, 2021**

JOB LOSS DURING PANDEMIC

1056. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

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

- (a) the employment statistics for 2020-21 and the changes as compared to 2019-20; and**
- (b) whether the Ministry has record of those who lost job during the pandemic, if so, the details thereof and if not, by when the record will be available?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a) & (b): The data on employment/ unemployment is being collected through Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MOSPI) since 2017-18. The survey is conducted annually from July to June and provides indicators for the employment/ unemployment scenario in the country. Survey results are normally available after one year of the completion of the survey.

As per the results of annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) during 2018-19 and 2019-20, the estimated Worker Population Ratio on usual status (principal status + subsidiary status) basis for the persons age 15 years and above to the extent available is 47.3% and 50.9%, respectively. The unemployment rate for persons of 15 years and above on usual status (principal status + subsidiary status) basis in the country to the extent available during 2018-19 and 2019-20 is 5.8% and 4.8%, respectively.

Monthly payroll data published by Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation highlights that despite Covid-19 pandemic, cumulative net payroll addition to the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) subscriber base is 77.08 lakh for the year 2020-2021, which is almost at par with previous year (78.58 lakh). It is observed that there is addition in net payroll as represented by EPFO subscriber base in each month of 2020-21 except for the month of April and May 2020.
