

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 565
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2021**

LOSS OF JOBS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

565. SHRI ANAND SHARMA:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been loss of jobs in organized and unorganized sectors in the country due to COVID-19 pandemic;**
- (b) if so, sector and State-wise details thereof for the last three years;**
- (c) whether jobs in organised/unorganised sectors have been restored and factory output revived; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): As per the payroll data based on Aadhar validated Universal Account Number (UAN) published by Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) every month for the organised sector, 97.83 lakh subscribers exited from EPFO establishments while 89.43 lakh subscribers who had previously exited, rejoined EPFO establishments during year 2020-21. The payroll data of EPFO also shows that during 2020-21, 85.49 lakh new subscribers joined EPFO establishments. Taking into account of the Net Payroll data, the net subscribers added was 77.08 lakh during 2020-21. However, these exits may not necessarily be job losses due to Covid Pandemic and/or Lockdown imposed as evident from addition of new & re-subscribed members.

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The EPFO Payroll publishes the data of new subscribers, exit of subscribers and rejoining of exited subscribers for top ten industry types which are notified for coverage under EPF & MP Act, 1952 but sector wise data is not available.

Further, as per the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO), the estimates of Worker Population Ratio (WPR) in usual status (principal status + subsidiary status) during the last three years has shown an increasing trend i.e it stood at 34.7% (2017-18), 35.3% (2018-19) and 38.2% (2019-20) respectively.

As regards revival of factory output data, reflected through Index of Industrial Production (IIP) , there has been a significant growth of 23.5% during April-September 2021-22 as compared to the corresponding period growth of -20.8% during 2020-21.
