

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3292  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2022**

**AGENCIES AND MECHANISMS TO DETERMINE UNEMPLOYMENT**

**3292. SHRI JOHN BRITTAS:**

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

- (a) the agencies and mechanisms relied upon by Government to determine unemployment in the country;**
- (b) the unemployment recorded by the above mentioned agencies during the last five years including the unemployment among educated youth, year-wise details thereof;**
- (c) methodologies used to record unemployment among educated youth in the country; and**
- (d) the details thereof?**

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

**(a) to (d): National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) collects the data on Employment and Unemployment through Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) since 2017-18. Prior to this, Employment-Unemployment Survey was conducted by the Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment for the years 2010-11 to 2016-17. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation used to conduct quinquennial Employment and Unemployment surveys and last such survey was done in year 2011-12. Further, large scale household sample survey methodologies are used to determine the employment and unemployment data in the country including unemployment among educated youth.**

**As per the results of Annual Employment–Unemployment Surveys conducted by Labour Bureau and Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by MoSPI, the estimated unemployment rate for age 15 years and above on usual status during last five years were as follows:**

<b>Years</b>	<b>Unemployment Rate (in %)</b>
<b>Labour Bureau Survey</b>	
<b>2015-16</b>	<b>3.7</b>
<b>2016-17</b>	<b>3.9</b>
<b>Periodic Labour Force Survey</b>	
<b>2017-18</b>	<b>6.0</b>
<b>2018-19</b>	<b>5.8</b>
<b>2019-20</b>	<b>4.8</b>

**Results from both surveys viz PLFS and Labour Bureau are not comparable due to different sampling methodology and coverage. PLFS covers seasonality of labour force as it is conducted during the period July to June (i.e. full year) whereas field work in Labour Bureau survey varied from 7 to 9 months and therefore, complete seasonality was not covered.**

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