

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.407  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2024**

**ALARMING RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the alarming rate of unemployment in the country for the last few years;**
- (b) if so, the reasons for the increase in the rate of unemployment amidst the increase in GDP;**
- (c) whether Government is aware of the high rate of unemployment among the educated youth; and**
- (d) if so, the measures that are designed to check the unemployment among youth in the country?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (d): The data on Employment and Unemployment is collected through Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) which is conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017-18. The survey period is July to June every year.**

**As per the latest available Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above was 4.2%, 4.1% and 3.2% during 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23, respectively, which shows a declining trend in unemployment rate in the country.**

**Further, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for youth of age 15-29 years was 12.9%, 12.4% and 10.0% during 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23, respectively, indicating a declining trend in youth unemployment rate.**

**Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority of the Government. Accordingly, the Government of India has taken various steps for generating employment in the country.**

**The various Ministries/ Departments of Government of India like Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Textile, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology etc. are implementing different employment generation schemes/ programmes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Rural Self Employment and Training Institutes (RSETIs), Deen Dayal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), etc. including increase in capital expenditure to boost employment creation. The details of various employment generation schemes/ programmes being implemented by the Government of India may be seen at [https://dge.gov.in/dge/schemes\\_programmes](https://dge.gov.in/dge/schemes_programmes).**

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