

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 155
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.11.2024

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

155. SHRI M. MOHAMED ABDULLA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the country's youth unemployment rate is among the highest in the world;
- (b) if so, did the sampling designs of the national surveys yield the same data;
- (c) whether Government has data on the unemployment rate in the country over the last five years, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE [RAO INDERJIT SINGH]

(a) and (b) The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has been conducting Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) since 2017 to estimate various indicators related to employment and unemployment situation in the country. In this survey, persons of age 15-29 years are considered as youth. From this survey, the estimates of Unemployment rate in usual status (ps+ss) for persons of age 15-29 years at all-India level for the last five years is given below:

| Unemployment Rate (UR) (in per cent) according to usual status (ps+ss) for persons of age 15-29 years during 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 all-India | |
|---|---|
| survey (period) | Unemployment Rate (UR) (in per cent) according to usual status (ps+ss) for persons of age 15-29 years |
| PLFS, 2019-20 | 15.0 |
| PLFS, 2020-21 | 12.9 |
| PLFS, 2021-22 | 12.4 |
| PLFS, 2022-23 | 10.0 |
| PLFS, 2023-24 | 10.2 |
| <i>Note: 2023-24 refers to the period July 2023-June 2024 and likewise for 2022-23, 2021-22, 2020-21, 2019-20.</i> | |

However, the unemployment rate of India as compared to the other countries is not estimated in PLFS.

(c) and (d) From the PLFS being conducted by MoSPI, the State-wise estimates of Unemployment Rate according to usual status (ps+ss) for the persons of all ages in India during last five years ie 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 is given in the Statement at Annexure I.

Statement referred to in reply to part (c) and (d) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.
155 for reply on 25.11.2024

| State/UT | UR (in percent) according to usual status (ps+ss) for persons of all ages | | | | |
|---|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | PLFS, 2019-20 | PLFS, 2020-21 | PLFS, 2021-22 | PLFS, 2022-23 | PLFS, 2023-24 |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Andhra Pradesh | 4.7 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 6.7 | 5.7 | 7.7 | 4.8 | 6.1 |
| Assam | 7.9 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 1.7 | 3.9 |
| Bihar | 5.3 | 4.7 | 6.0 | 3.9 | 3.0 |
| Chhattisgarh | 3.3 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Delhi | 8.7 | 6.3 | 5.3 | 1.9 | 2.1 |
| Goa | 8.1 | 10.5 | 12.0 | 9.7 | 8.5 |
| Gujarat | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.1 |
| Haryana | 6.5 | 6.3 | 9.0 | 6.1 | 3.4 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 3.7 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 5.4 |
| Jharkhand | 4.2 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.3 |
| Karnataka | 4.2 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 2.4 | 2.7 |
| Kerala | 10.0 | 10.1 | 9.6 | 7.0 | 7.2 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 3.0 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 0.9 |
| Maharashtra | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 3.3 |
| Manipur | 9.7 | 5.6 | 9.0 | 4.7 | 6.1 |
| Meghalaya | 2.7 | 1.7 | 2.6 | 6.0 | 6.2 |
| Mizoram | 5.7 | 3.5 | 5.4 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| Nagaland | 25.8 | 19.3 | 9.1 | 4.3 | 7.1 |
| Odisha | 6.3 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 3.9 | 3.1 |
| Punjab | 7.4 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 5.5 |
| Rajasthan | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.2 |
| Sikkim | 2.2 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| Tamil Nadu | 5.3 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 3.5 |
| Telangana | 7.0 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.8 |
| Tripura | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 1.4 | 1.7 |
| Uttarakhand | 7.1 | 6.9 | 7.8 | 4.5 | 4.3 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 4.5 | 4.2 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 3.0 |
| West Bengal | 4.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 2.2 | 2.6 |
| Andaman & N Island | 12.6 | 9.1 | 7.8 | 9.7 | 11.8 |
| Chandigarh | 6.3 | 7.5 | 6.3 | 4.0 | 7.1 |
| Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 3.0 | 4.2 | 5.2 | 2.5 | 2.3 |
| Daman & Diu | 2.9 | | | | |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 6.7 | 5.9 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 6.1 |
| Ladakh | 0.1 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 6.1 | 5.1 |
| Lakshadweep | 13.7 | 13.4 | 17.2 | 11.1 | 11.9 |
| Puducherry | 7.6 | 6.7 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 4.6 |
| All India | 4.8 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| Note: 2023-24 refers to the period July 2023-June 2024 and likewise for 2022-23, 2021-22, 2020-21, 2019-20. | | | | | |
| Source: | | | | | |
| Annual Report, PLFS, 2019-20 | | | | | |
| Annual Report, PLFS, 2020-21 | | | | | |
| Annual Report, PLFS, 2021-22 | | | | | |
| Annual Report, PLFS, 2022-23 | | | | | |
| Annual Report, PLFS, 2023-24 | | | | | |