

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2812
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH DECEMBER, 2024

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

2812. SHRI RAGHAV CHADHA:

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

- (a) the details of current unemployment rate across various States, rural-wise and urban-wise;**
- (b) the measures being implemented to reduce the national unemployment and whether there are any State-specific programmes to address higher rates in certain regions;**
- (c) the manner in which Government plans to tackle unemployment among youth and recent graduates, given their disproportionate impact within the labour market;**
- (d) the budgetary allocations made for job creation schemes in the current fiscal year and percentage of these funds utilized; and**
- (e) whether Government collaborates with private sector stakeholders to increase employment opportunities and if so, the expected outcomes?**

ANSWER

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

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

As per the data available in latest Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above has decreased from 6.0 % during 2017-18 to 3.2 in 2023-24. State/UT-wise and rural/urban-wise details are available in the PLFS reports which may be seen at the website of MoSPI at https://www.mospi.gov.in/download-reports?main_cat=ODU5&cat=All&sub_category=All.

Employment generation coupled with improving employability of all including youth is a priority of Government and is a multi-stakeholder initiative. The various Ministries/ Departments of Government of India like Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Textile, etc. are implementing different employment generation schemes/ programmes for all including youth. The details of these schemes/ programmes may be seen at https://dge.gov.in/dge/schemes_programmes.

Budgetary allocations and expenditure of these schemes are available at <https://www.indiabudget.gov.in/doc/eb/allsbe.pdf>.

Further, Government has announced in Budget 2024-25, Prime Minister's package of 5 schemes and initiatives to facilitate employment, skilling and other opportunities for 4.1 crore youth over a 5-year period with a central outlay of Rs.2 lakh crores. It includes, the Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) scheme announced in Budget 2024-25, with an outlay of Rs 1,07,000 Crores, which aims at job creation and formalization of work force by providing Social Security through EPFO, enhancing employability and incentivizing additional employment generation through incentives to employees and employers.

The Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India, is running the National Career Service (NCS) Portal which is a one-stop solution for providing career related services including, information on online & offline job fairs, job search & matching, career counselling, vocational guidance, information on skill development courses, skill/training programmes etc. through a digital platform [www.ncs.gov.in]. Ministry has collaborated with job portals, companies, employers including TMI Group, Amazon Seller Services, TCS iON, Times Job, Quess Corp Limited etc. to increase employment opportunities for the jobseekers registered with National Career Service (NCS) portal.
