

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1693  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2025  
URBAN AND RURAL UNEMPLOYEMENT**

**1693. SHRI PRAKASH CHIK BARAIK:**

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

- (a) the unemployment rate in the age group 18-30 years old in the last five years, urban and rural separately;**
- (b) the number of unemployed females in the country; and**
- (c) number of people among the unemployed population who have a graduate or post graduate degree?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (c): The official data source on Employment and Unemployment is 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 15-29 years in rural and urban areas during the year 2019-20 to 2023-24 are as follows:**

<b>Unemployment Rate (UR) in %</b>		
<b>Survey Year</b>	<b>Rural</b>	<b>Urban</b>
<b>2019-20</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>19.9</b>
<b>2020-21</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>18.5</b>
<b>2021-22</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>17.2</b>
<b>2022-23</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>15.7</b>
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>14.7</b>

**Source: PLFS, MoSPI**

**Further, as per the latest available Annual PLFS reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for females of age 15 years and above has decreased from 4.2% in 2019-20 to 3.2% in 2023-24.**

**The estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) for persons of age 15 years and above has decreased from 17.2% in 2019-20 to 13.0% in 2023-24 for graduates and from 12.9% to 12.4% for post-graduates during the same period.**

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