

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2352
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2025**

PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE COUNTRY

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

- (a) given the recent reports highlighting India's unemployment challenges, with the unemployment rate standing at 7.8% in December 2024 , the steps Government is taking to address this issue; and**
- (b) the specific policies and initiatives being implemented to create more job opportunities, particularly for the youth and rural populations, in light of the 14-month low in manufacturing activity growth due to cooling of demand?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b): The official data on Employment and Unemployment is collected through 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.

The KLEMS (K: Capital, L: Labour, E: Energy, M: Materials and S: Services) database published by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) provides employment estimates, including manufacturing sector, at all India level. As per the latest available data, employment in the manufacturing sector has increased from 6.1 crore in 2021-22 to 6.3 crore in 2022-23 indicating an increase of 20.27 lakhs during this period.

Employment generation coupled with improving employability of all including the youth and rural populations is a priority of the Government. Accordingly, Government is implementing various employment generation schemes/ programmes. These inter-alia include Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Rural Self Employment and Training Institutes (RSETIs), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), Stand-UP India Scheme, Startup India, etc. The details of various employment generation schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government may be seen at https://dge.gov.in/dge/schemes_programmes

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 jobs from private and government sectors, 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].
