

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1119  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBURARY, 2021  
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE COUNTRY**

**1119. DR. SASMIT PATRA:**

**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:  
the unemployment rate in the country during the last five years?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

**As per the results of annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation during 2017-18, 2018-19 and annual employment-unemployment surveys conducted by Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment, estimated unemployment rate on usual status (principal status + subsidiary status) basis for the persons age 15 years and above to the extent available in the country is given below:**

<b>Unemployment Rate (in %)</b>	
<b>Survey</b>	<b>All-India</b>
<b>2015-16 (Labour Bureau)</b>	<b>3.7%</b>
<b>2016-17 (Labour Bureau)</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
<b>2017-18 (PLFS)</b>	<b>6.0%</b>
<b>2018-19 (PLFS)</b>	<b>5.8%</b>

**(Note: Survey methodology and sample selection are different in PLFS and Labour Bureau Survey and the results are not comparable)**

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