

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1375**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 03<sup>RD</sup>JULY, 2019**

**INCREASE IN EDUCATED UNEMPLOYED PERSONS**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of educated unemployed persons is steadily increasing in comparison to uneducated unemployed persons;**
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and**
- (c) if not, the present rate of unemployment with regard to educated and uneducated persons, the details thereof for last three years?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a to c): The quinquennial labour force surveys on employment and unemployment were conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The last such survey was conducted during 2011-12. Now, NSSO has switched to the annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) which was conducted during 2017-18. The estimated unemployment rate in educated and uneducated persons on usual status (principal status+subsidiary status) basis in the country is given below:**

| <b>Unemployment rates (in %) in educated and uneducated persons for age 15 years &amp; above</b> |                     |                              |                         |                              |
|--|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Survey Period</b>   | <b>2017-18*</b>     |                              | <b>2011-12</b>          |                              |
|  | <b>(PLFS)</b>       |                              | <b>(NSS 68th round)</b> |                              |
| <b>Educational level</b>   | <b>Not literate</b> | <b>Secondary &amp; above</b> | <b>Not literate</b>     | <b>Secondary &amp; above</b> |
| <b>Rural male</b>  | <b>1.7</b>          | <b>10.5</b>                  | <b>0.5</b>              | <b>3.6</b>                   |
| <b>Rural female</b>  | <b>0.1</b>          | <b>17.3</b>                  | <b>0.2</b>              | <b>9.7</b>                   |
| <b>Urban male</b>  | <b>2.1</b>          | <b>9.2</b>                   | <b>0.7</b>              | <b>4.0</b>                   |
| <b>Urban female</b>  | <b>0.8</b>          | <b>19.8</b>                  | <b>0.4</b>              | <b>10.3</b>                  |

**(Note: \*For comparability, the results of the PLFS with earlier rounds of NSS surveys need to be understood in the context with which the survey methodology and sample selection has been designed)**