

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1489  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1<sup>st</sup> JULY, 2019**

**RATIO OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that unemployment has increased in rural areas as against urban areas;**
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and**
- (c) if not, the ratio of unemployment in urban and rural areas of the country?**

**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 on usual status (principal status+subsidiary status) basis for persons of all ages in rural and urban areas in the country is given below:**

<b>Unemployment Rate (in %)</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>Rural</b>	<b>Urban</b>
<b>2017-18*(PLFS)</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>7.8</b>
<b>2011-12(NSS 68<sup>th</sup> round)</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>3.4</b>
<b>2009-10(NSS 66<sup>th</sup> round)</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>3.4</b>
<b>2004-05(NSS 61<sup>st</sup> round)</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>4.5</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)**

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