

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH AUGUST, 2021**

UPDATED DATA ON JOBS BY PLFS

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the record high rate of unemployment in the country since 2019;**
- (b) the details of job lost since the lockdown in March 2020, sector-wise;**
- (c) whether Government data on jobs including periodic Labour Force Survey(PLFS) has been updated;**
- (d) if not, the details of measures taken by Government to assess the situation; and**
- (e) whether Government is planning to create a comprehensive plan to address India's jobs crisis?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a) to (e): The data on employment/ unemployment is being collected through Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MOSPI) since 2017-18. The annual PLFS report covers the survey period from July to June. PLFS has recently released quarterly bulletin on Current Weekly Status(CWS) for urban areas. The latest release pertains to quarter ending July-September, 2020.

As per the results of annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted during 2018-19 and 2019-20, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR) and the estimated unemployment rate for persons of 15 years and above on usual status basis in the country is as under:

(in percentage)

Year	2018-19		2019-20	
	WPR	UR	WPR	UR
All India	47.3	5.8	50.9	4.8

WPR-Worker Population Ratio

UR- Unemployment Rate

The Government is providing fiscal stimulus of more than Rs. twenty seven lakh crore as part of the Aatmanirbhar financial Package, comprising of various long term schemes/programmes/ policies for making the country self-reliant and to create employment opportunities.

Government of India has taken a number of initiatives for promoting employment generation in the country. Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY) has been launched w.e.f. 1st October, 2020 to incentivize employers for creation of new employment along with social security benefits and restoration of employment. The new employees under the scheme includes those who have lost their employment during Covid-19 pandemic and didn't join in any EPF covered establishment upto 30.09.2020. The terminal date for registration of beneficiary under the scheme has been extended from 30th June, 2021 to 31st March, 2022.

Under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY), Government of India has contributed both 12% employer's share and 12% employee's share under Employees Provident Fund (EPF), totaling 24% of the wage for the wage month from March to August, 2020 for the establishments having upto 100 employees with 90% of such employees earning less than Rs. 15000/-. This has helped in protecting employment in EPFO registered establishments during post Covid period.

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) is being implemented by the Government inter alia, for facilitating self-employment. Under PMMY collateral free loans upto Rs. 10 lakh, are extended to micro/small business enterprises and to individuals to enable them to setup or expand their business activities.

PM-SVANidhi Scheme has facilitated collateral free working capital loan upto Rs.10,000/- for one-year tenure to street vendors, to help them resume their businesses during the post Covid period.

In addition, RBI and Government of India have taken several monetary and liquidity measures to keep the flow of credit uninterrupted to the productive sectors of the economy including MSME sector.

Besides above, Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country like encouraging various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and Deendayal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM).
