

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2646
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH AUGUST, 2021**

JOBS LOSS DURING THE PANDEMIC

2646. SHRI PRASHANTA NANDA:

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

- (a) the total number of citizens who lost their jobs during the pandemic;**
- (b) the number of citizens who lost their jobs, sector-wise i.e. primary, secondary and tertiary;**
- (c) the number of women who lost their jobs based on sector of employment i.e. primary, secondary and tertiary;**
- (d) the number of citizens who re-entered the workforce after previously losing their jobs; and**
- (e) the number of women who re-entered the workforce after previously losing their jobs?**

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 survey is conducted annually from July to June. As per the results of latest available PLFS conducted during 2019-20, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR) on usual status for 15 years and above is as follows:

Year	Worker Population Ratio (WPR) (%)		
	male	female	person
2018-19	71.0	23.3	47.3
2019-20	73.0	28.7	50.9

The sector-wise estimated percentage distribution of persons working according to Current Weekly Status (CWS) by broad industry of work for 2018-19 and 2019-20 is as under:

Workforce by Major sectors	2018-19			2019-20		
	Male	female	persons	Male	female	persons
Primary	37.4	49.7	40.2	39.2	56.5	43.7
Secondary	27.1	20.5	25.7	25.9	16.6	23.5
Tertiary	35.4	29.8	34.2	34.9	26.8	32.8

Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation is also publishing monthly payroll data relating to employment in the formal sector. This highlights that cumulative net payroll addition to the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) subscriber base is 77.08 lakh for the year 2020-21, which is almost at par with previous year (78.58 lakh). It is observed that there is addition in net payroll as represented by EPFO subscriber base in each month of 2020-21 except for the month of April and May, 2020.

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 include those who lost their jobs during Covid-19 and did not join in any EPF covered establishment upto 30.09.2020. As on 4th August, 2021, 25.78 lakh total beneficiaries have availed benefit under the scheme, of which 3.52 lakh beneficiaries are rejoiners who have rejoined after 1st October, 2020. This includes 0.77 lakh women rejoiners. The terminal date for registration of beneficiaries has been extended from 30.06.2021 to 31.03.2022.
