

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5099
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03RD APRIL, 2023
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ON CMIE**

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

- (a) whether according to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) unemployment rate rose to 7.45 per cent in February from 7.14 per cent in the previous month;**
- (b) whether it is also true that the urban unemployment rate declined to 7.93 per cent in February from 8.55 per cent in the previous month;**
- (c) the rural unemployment rate rose to 7.23 percent from 6.48 per cent in the same month; and**
- (d) the reason for the increase in the unemployment rate in the country?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Many private companies/bodies/research organizations conduct different surveys based on their own methodology, CMIE is one amongst them. The official data source on Employment and Unemployment is Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) which is conducted by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017-18. The survey period is July to June of next year. The PLFS data at all India level for both rural and urban sector is available on annual basis.

As per the latest available Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above in both rural and urban areas during 2019-20 to 2021-22 is as follows:

Years	Unemployment Rate (UR) (in %)
Rural	
2019-20	3.9
2020-21	3.3
2021-22	3.2
Urban	
2019-20	6.9
2020-21	6.7
2021-22	6.3
All India	
2019-20	4.8
2020-21	4.2
2021-22d	4.1

Source: PLFS, MoSPI

The above data indicates decrease in unemployment in both rural and urban sector.
