

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.557  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2022**

**DECLINE IN LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE**

**557. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE :**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per the data of the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), the labour force participation rate has dropped from 47% in the year 2016 to less than 40% in the year 2022;**
- (b) if so, the reason for such a large number of people dropping out of the labour force;**
- (c) the difference in methodology of CMIE and the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) survey;**
- (d) whether the data for PLFS survey for 2020-21 has been prepared; and**  
**(e) if so, reason for data not yet made public and by when it will be published?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b):** The authentic data on Employment and Unemployment is collected through Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017-18. The survey period is July to June of next year. As per the available annual reports of PLFS 2020-21, the estimated Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above has increased to 54.9% in 2020-21 as compared to 49.8% in 2017-18.

**(c):** Many private companies/bodies/research organizations conduct different surveys based on their own methodology. CMIE is one amongst them.

**(d) & (e):** PLFS Report for the year 2020-21 has been released and available in public domain.

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