

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.562
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH JUNE, 2019**

DECLINE IN NUMBER OF FORMAL SECTOR EMPLOYMENT

562. DR. SANTANU SEN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been decline in the number of formal sector employment during last three years;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor;**
- (c) the details of employment rate of country for the year 2017-18 and 2018-19;**
- (d) whether Government has changed the calculation criteria for the rate of employment in country; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a) to (c): As per the results of Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by National Sample Survey Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation during 2017-18, the estimated Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) and Worker Population Ratio (WPR) on usual status (principal status+subsidiary status) basis for the persons of all ages (which includes both formal and informal sector) in the country is given below:

Year	2017-18* (PFLS)	2011-12 (NSS 68th round)
Labour Force Participation Rate	36.9	39.5
Worker Population Ratio	34.7	38.6

(Note: *The results of the above two surveys are not comparable due to the different methodology followed)

(d) & (e) : The Government has not changed the criteria for the rate of employment in the country
