

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 87
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02ND FEBRUARY, 2023**

RISE IN UNEMPLOYMENT

87. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the unemployment rate rose to 8.3 per cent in December which is the highest in 16 months;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether it is also a fact that there is ambiguity and confusion in the selection process in the job fairs organized by Government;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the steps taken by Government to address the same?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): 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. As per the latest available Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above was 4.8% and 4.2% during 2019-20 and 2020-21, respectively, which shows that unemployment rate in the country has declined.

The Government is implementing the National Career Service (NCS) Project to provide a variety of career related services like job matching, career counselling, vocational guidance, information on skill development courses, etc. Under the NCS project, assistance is provided to States/UTs for organizing the job fairs. The criteria and the process for selection of candidates in the job fairs varies from employer to employer who are participating in the job fairs and so far, no ambiguity or confusion has been reported to this Ministry in this regard.
