

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 894
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH JULY, 2023
UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE COUNTRY

894. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:

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

- (a) the number of Government jobs provided in the various Ministries/ Government Institutions/ Bodies/ Departments during the last five years, the details thereof, year-wise;**
- (b) the percentage of revival in employment after increased unemployment owing to lockdown at the time of COVID-19 pandemic;**
- (c) the unemployment rate in the country at present; and**
- (d) the details of the year -wise increase in the unemployment rate during the last one decade?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Total number of candidates recommended by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), Staff Selection Commission(SSC) and Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) during the last five years are as follows:

| Years | Recruitment made (in numbers) |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2018-19 | 38,100 |
| 2019-20 | 1,46,999 |
| 2020-21 | 78,555 |
| 2021-22 | 37,904 |
| 2022-23 | 1,61,550 |

Source: DoPT

Apart from this, SSC and RRBs have recommended 1,03,196 candidates for appointment in the 1st quarter of 2023-24.

The data on Employment and Unemployment is collected through 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 Worker Population Ratio (WPR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years & above was 46.8%, 47.3%, 50.9%, 52.6% and 52.9% during 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 respectively, which shows that employment in the country has increasing trend.

Prior to PLFS, Employment-Unemployment Survey (EUS) was conducted by the Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment for the years 2010-11 to 2016-17. As per the results of these surveys, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above in the country during last ten years are as follows:

| Years | UR (in %) |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| EUS, Labour Bureau | |
| 2012-13 | 4.0 |
| 2013-14 | 3.4 |
| 2015-16 | 3.7 |
| 2016-17 | 3.9 |
| PLFS, MoSPI | |
| 2017-18 | 6.0 |
| 2018-19 | 5.8 |
| 2019-20 | 4.8 |
| 2020-21 | 4.2 |
| 2021-22 | 4.1 |

Source : PLFS, MoSPI and Labour Bureau

Results from both surveys viz. PLFS and Labour Bureau are not comparable due to different sampling methodology and coverage. PLFS covers seasonality of labour force as it is conducted during the period July to June (i.e. full year) whereas field work in Labour Bureau survey varied from 7 to 9 months and therefore, complete seasonality was not covered. Further, there are many other methodological differences between these two surveys.

The PLFS data indicates that the unemployment rate in the country has declined to 4.1% during 2021-22 from 6.0% in the year 2017-18.
