GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 430
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05TH FEBRUARY, 2024

DISCOURAGED WORKERS

430.   **SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR :**

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

(a)   the unemployment rate in the country from 2005 to 2023, year-wise;

(b)   the number and percentage of 'Discouraged workers' in the country in last 5 years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c)   the percentage of unemployed youth in the country in 2023, State-wise; and

(d)   the percentage of rural unemployment in the country in 2023, State-wise?

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

(a) to (d): The 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 every 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 in the country are as follows:

Year	UR (in %)
2017-18	6.0
2018-19	5.8
2019-20	4.8
2020-21	4.2
2021-22	4.1
2022-23	3.2

Source : PLFS, MoSPI

The data indicates that the unemployment rate in the country has a declining trend over the years.

As per the latest available Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) and Worker Population Ratio (WPR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above during the last five years are as follows:

Years	LFPR (in %)	WPR (in %)
2018-19	50.2	47.3
2019-20	53.5	50.9
2020-21	54.9	52.6
2021-22	55.2	52.9
2022-23	57.9	56.0

Source: PLFS, MoSPI

The data indicates that the labour force participation rate in the country has increasing trend which reflects that more and more people are joining labour force over the years. Further, the worker population ratio, indicating employment, has an increasing trend over the years.

The State/UT-wise estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR), indicating employment, on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above during 2018-19 to 2022-23 is at Annexure-I.

The State/UT-wise Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15-29 years during 2022-23 is at Annexure-II.

The State/UT-wise Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above during 2022-23 is at Annexure-III.

The State/UT-wise Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above in rural areas during 2022-23 is at Annexure-IV.

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Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 430 due for reply on 05.02.2024

State/UT-wise Worker Population Ratio (WPR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above during 2018-19 to 2022-23

(in %)

S. No.	States/UTs	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
1	Andhra Pradesh	54.8	55.5	58.6	57.8	58.6
2	Arunachal Pradesh	40.9	44.3	48.5	47.1	64.9
3	Assam	43.4	43.2	50.5	52.1	54.5
4	Bihar	36.4	39.7	39.9	39.3	47.0
5	Chhattisgarh	61.2	65.4	63.6	64.9	70.1
6	Delhi	44.5	43.3	42.7	42.3	45.8
7	Goa	45.9	47.3	43.4	41.6	45.1
8	Gujarat	49.7	54.7	55.0	56.8	61.5
9	Haryana	41.9	42.9	44.0	42.5	44.9
10	Himachal Pradesh	63.9	70.5	69.5	71.2	73.8
11	Jharkhand	44.9	53.6	59.6	60.7	60.9
12	Karnataka	49.3	53.1	55.3	53.0	55.6
13	Kerala	44.9	45.3	46.1	48.8	50.5
14	Madhya Pradesh	52.3	57.7	60.2	60.7	63.4
15	Maharashtra	50.6	55.7	53.9	55.9	57.6
16	Manipur	44.3	45.5	41.0	40.6	48.7
17	Meghalaya	61.8	58.6	62.0	60.5	65.8
18	Mizoram	45.6	50.7	54.5	48.9	55.2
19	Nagaland	38.1	44.8	49.5	58.4	69.4
20	Odisha	47.6	51.9	53.5	52.4	58.9
21	Punjab	44.2	47.8	47.2	48.5	50.2
22	Rajasthan	50.0	55.0	55.3	54.7	58.8
23	Sikkim	61.1	68.8	71.3	69.9	74.0
24	Tamil Nadu	51.4	55.3	56.9	55.8	54.7
25	Telangana	50.6	55.7	57.8	58.1	57.7
26	Tripura	41.9	49.6	53.8	50.6	54.3
27	Uttarakhand	41.4	49.5	48.7	48.7	53.5
28	Uttar Pradesh	40.8	45.1	48.0	50.1	53.9
29	West Bengal	49.7	49.7	53.0	52.7	56.1
30	Andaman & N. Island	49.1	49.8	58.2	59.2	60
31	Chandigarh	47.3	45.5	43.1	42.2	45.6
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	68.6	72.2	54.0	65.8	65.0
33	Daman & Diu	55.1	64.5			
34	Jammu & Kashmir	52.9	52.5	55.5	58.3	60.7
35	Ladakh	-	62.7	69.1	58.1	57.0
36	Lakshadweep	29.5	48.0	40.1	37.2	35.5
37	Puducherry	47.8	47.7	48.1	51.2	49.6
	All India	47.3	50.9	52.6	52.9	56.0

Source: PLFS, MoSPI

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State/UT-wise Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15-29 years during 2022-23 (in %)

S. No.	States/UTs	2022-23
1	Andhra Pradesh	15.7
2	Arunachal Pradesh	17.6
3	Assam	4.3
4	Bihar	13.9
5	Chhattisgarh	7.1
6	Delhi	6.1
7	Goa	27.4
8	Gujarat	5.1
9	Haryana	17.5
10	Himachal Pradesh	12.5
11	Jharkhand	4.7
12	Karnataka	8.5
13	Kerala	28.7
14	Madhya Pradesh	4.4
15	Maharashtra	10.9
16	Manipur	19.7
17	Meghalaya	18.0
18	Mizoram	11.9
19	Nagaland	18.5
20	Odisha	13.8
21	Punjab	17.5
22	Rajasthan	12.5
23	Sikkim	10.2
24	Tamil Nadu	17.5
25	Telangana	15.1
26	Tripura	6.1
27	Uttarakhand	14.2
28	Uttar Pradesh	7.0
29	West Bengal	7.1
30	Andaman & N. Island	24.6
31	Chandigarh	7.2
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	4.4
33	Jammu & Kashmir	13.7
34	Ladakh	28.1
35	Lakshadweep	41.6
36	Puducherry	23.2
	All India	10.0

Source: PLFS, MoSPI

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State/UT-wise Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above in Rural areas during 2022-23 (in %)

S. No.	States/UTs	2022-23
1	Andhra Pradesh	3.3
2	Arunachal Pradesh	3.9
3	Assam	1.5
4	Bihar	3.6
5	Chhattisgarh	1.4
6	Delhi	10.2
7	Goa	11.3
8	Gujarat	1.4
9	Haryana	5.8
10	Himachal Pradesh	3.5
11	Jharkhand	0.9
12	Karnataka	1.5
13	Kerala	6.5
14	Madhya Pradesh	0.8
15	Maharashtra	2.2
16	Manipur	4.5
17	Meghalaya	5
18	Mizoram	1.2
19	Nagaland	2.9
20	Odisha	3.6
21	Punjab	6.2
22	Rajasthan	3.4
23	Sikkim	2.2
24	Tamil Nadu	3.8
25	Telangana	2.8
26	Tripura	1.1
27	Uttarakhand	3.9
28	Uttar Pradesh	1.5
29	West Bengal	1.5
30	Andaman & N. Island	6.6
31	Chandigarh	3.2
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	4.1
33	Jammu & Kashmir	3.4
34	Ladakh	5.7
35	Lakshadweep	5.6
36	Puducherry	5.9
	All India	2.4

Source: PLFS, MoSPI

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State/UT-wise Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above during 2022-23 (in %)

S. No.	States/UTs	2022-23
1	Andhra Pradesh	4.1
2	Arunachal Pradesh	4.8
3	Assam	1.7
4	Bihar	3.9
5	Chhattisgarh	2.4
6	Delhi	1.9
7	Goa	9.7
8	Gujarat	1.7
9	Haryana	6.1
10	Himachal Pradesh	4.3
11	Jharkhand	1.7
12	Karnataka	2.4
13	Kerala	7.0
14	Madhya Pradesh	1.6
15	Maharashtra	3.1
16	Manipur	4.7
17	Meghalaya	6.0
18	Mizoram	2.2
19	Nagaland	4.3
20	Odisha	3.9
21	Punjab	6.1
22	Rajasthan	4.4
23	Sikkim	2.2
24	Tamil Nadu	4.3
25	Telangana	4.4
26	Tripura	1.4
27	Uttarakhand	4.5
28	Uttar Pradesh	2.4
29	West Bengal	2.2
30	Andaman & N. Island	9.7
31	Chandigarh	4.0
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	2.5
33	Jammu & Kashmir	4.4
34	Ladakh	6.1
35	Lakshadweep	11.1
36	Puducherry	5.6
	All India	3.2

Source: PLFS, MoSPI