

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 736
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH FEBRUARY, 2024
DATA ON UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE COUNTRY**

736. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the situation of employment crisis in the country, and if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) whether Government proposes to collect data on unemployment rate in the country, and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the number of new employment opportunities and vacancies being introduced in the last five years; and**
- (d) the year-wise data thereof?**

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 Worker Population Ratio (WPR) and Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years & above in the country during the period 2018-19 to 2022-23 are as follows:

Years	WPR (in %)	UR (in %)
2018-19	47.3	5.8
2019-20	50.9	4.8
2020-21	52.6	4.2
2021-22	52.9	4.1
2022-23	56.0	3.2

Source: PLFS, MoSPI

The data indicates that the unemployment rate has declining trend and the worker population ratio, indicating employment, has an increasing trend over the years in the country.

Creation and filling up of posts in the Central Government is responsibility of the concerned Ministry/ Department. Filling up of vacant posts in various Ministries/ Departments is a continuous process and efforts are made to fill up the vacancies as per the provisions of the relevant recruitment rules.