

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *118
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01ST AUGUST, 2024**

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE COUNTRY

***118. SHRI SAKET GOKHALE:**

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

- (a) the unemployment rate in the country, as on date; and**
- (b) the methodology used by Government to calculate the unemployment rate in the informal/unorganized sector in the country?**

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) to (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *118 DUE FOR REPLY ON 01.08.2024 BY SHRI SAKET GOKHALE REGARDING “UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE COUNTRY”

(a) to (b) : The data on Employment and Unemployment is collected through Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) which is conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017-18. The survey is conducted at household level during the period July to June every year. The PLFS survey determines the Labour Force of the country which is persons either ‘working’ (or employed) or ‘seeking or available for work’ (or unemployed). The Unemployment rate (UR) is calculated as the percentage of unemployed persons in the labour force.

As per the data available in latest Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above was 4.2%, 4.1% and 3.2% during 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 respectively. The data indicates a declining trend in the unemployment rate of the country.