

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1213
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01ST AUGUST, 2024
CMIE DATA REGARDING UNEMPLOYMENT**

1213. SHRI RAGHAV CHADHA:

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

- (a) the reasons for the rise in unemployment, from 5.42 per cent in 2013 to 9.2 per cent in June, 2024 according to CMIE data;**
- (b) the specific policies which have been implemented to address the steady increase in unemployment rates since 2014;**
- (c) the immediate measures Government is taking to create jobs, given the peak unemployment rate of 9.2 per cent in 2024; and**
- (d) the manner in which Government reconciles the CMIE data showing rising unemployment with claims of 6 per cent job growth in 2024?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)**

(a) to (d): Many private companies/bodies/ research organizations conduct different surveys based on their own methodology, CMIE is one amongst them. The official 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 every year.

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 during 2017-18 to 2022-23 has a decreasing trend as per table below:

Years	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

Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority of the Government. Accordingly, the Government of India has taken various steps for generating employment in the country.

The various Ministries/ Departments of Government of India like Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology etc. are implementing different employment generation schemes/ programmes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Rural Self Employment and Training Institutes (RSETIs), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), etc., which, alongwith increase in capital expenditure, seeks to boost employment creation. The details of various employment generation schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government of India may be seen at https://dge.gov.in/dge/schemes_programmes.

Further, Government announced in the Budget 2024-25, the Prime Minister's package of 5 schemes and initiatives to facilitate employment, skilling and other opportunities for 4.1 crore youth over a 5-year period with a central outlay of Rs. 2 lakh crore.
