

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1223
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01ST AUGUST, 2024

IMPACT OF UNEMPLOYMENT

1223. SHRI RYAGA KRISHNAIAH:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to deal with problem of unemployment in recent times;**
- (b) whether Government has undertaken any study or initiated steps to see how the rise of unemployment in recent times has impacted long term employment prospects of the youth today;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): 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 Textile, 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), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Rural Self Employment and Training Institutes (RSETIs), Deen Dayal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), etc. including increase in capital expenditure 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.

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 period is July to June every year.

As per the latest available Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR), on usual status for youth of age 15-29 years during the years 2017-18 to 2022-23 has a decreasing trend, as per table below:

(in %)

Year	UR
2017-18	17.8
2018-19	17.3
2019-20	15.0
2020-21	12.9
2021-22	12.4
2022-23	10.0

Source: PLFS

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