

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1693
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13th MARCH, 2025
URBAN AND RURAL UNEMPLOYEMENT**

1693. SHRI PRAKASH CHIK BARAIK:

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

- (a) the unemployment rate in the age group 18-30 years old in the last five years, urban and rural separately;**
- (b) the number of unemployed females in the country; and**
- (c) number of people among the unemployed population who have a graduate or post graduate degree?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The official data source on Employment and Unemployment is 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 persons of age 15-29 years in rural and urban areas during the year 2019-20 to 2023-24 are as follows:

Unemployment Rate (UR) in %		
Survey Year	Rural	Urban
2019-20	12.9	19.9
2020-21	10.7	18.5
2021-22	10.6	17.2
2022-23	8.0	15.7
2023-24	8.5	14.7

Source: PLFS, MoSPI

Further, as per the latest available Annual PLFS reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for females of age 15 years and above has decreased from 4.2% in 2019-20 to 3.2% in 2023-24.

The estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) for persons of age 15 years and above has decreased from 17.2% in 2019-20 to 13.0% in 2023-24 for graduates and from 12.9% to 12.4% for post-graduates during the same period.
