

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3760
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03RD APRIL, 2025**

UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR

3760. SMT. DARSHANA SINGH:

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

- (a) the current rate of unemployment and underemployment in the agriculture sector, Statewise; and**
- (b) the multisectoral programme to be initiated in partnership with the States to address underemployment in agriculture?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): 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.

The estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above has decreased from 6.0% in 2017-18 to 3.2% in 2023-24. Also, 46.1% of workers in the usual status are engaged in agriculture and allied sector during 2023-24.

Sector-wise and State/UT-wise details are available in the PLFS reports and may be seen at https://www.mospi.gov.in/download-reports?main_cat=ODU5&cat=All&sub_category=All

Union Budget (2025-26) announced the launch of a comprehensive multi-sectoral 'Rural Prosperity and Resilience' programme to address under-employment in agriculture through skilling, investment, technology and invigorating the rural economy. The goal is to generate ample opportunities in rural areas. The programme will focus on rural women, young farmers, rural youth, marginal and small farmers, and landless families. It aims in catalyzing enterprise development, employment and financial independence for rural women; accelerating creation of new employment and businesses for young farmers and rural youth.
