

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1213
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th JULY, 2025**

EMPLOYMENT STATUS IN NORTH EASTERN REGION

1213. SHRI JOYANTA BASUMATARY:

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

- (a) the details and number of skilled or unskilled youths got jobs in the different sectors in the North Eastern Region (NER) during the last five years;**
- (b) whether the Government has taken any action to set-up industries or job oriented sectors in the NER during the said period; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

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.

As per the data available in latest Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR) for youth (15-29 years), indicating employment on usual status during the year 2019-20 to 2023-24 for the North Eastern Region is at Annexure.

The Government of India had introduced a new scheme UNNATI (Uttar Poorva Transformative Industrialization Scheme) on March 9, 2024 for extending support to the industries for enhancing regional infrastructure, create employment opportunities, and promote resilience and prosperity in the North-East region. Under the UNNATI Scheme, the following incentives are provided to the industrial Units:

- i. Capital Investment Incentive (CII)**
- ii. Capital Interest Subvention (CIS)**
- iii. Manufacturing & Services linked incentive (MSLI)**

Government of India, with an intent to build a strong ecosystem for nurturing innovation, startups and encouraging investments in the country also launched the Startup India initiative on 16th January 2016. For the North Eastern States, 2,109 entities have been recognized as startups by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) as on 31st January 2025.

Further, to facilitate credit access for the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) & Micro Finance sectors in the North Eastern Region, the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) has been providing annual budgetary allocation to North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi), a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) under administrative control of MDoNER, in the form of an interest free loan under the North East Enterprise Development Scheme (NEEDS) for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26, with a total allocation of Rs. 300 crore.

In addition, the Union Cabinet has approved the Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme to support employment generation, enhance employability and social security across all sectors, with special focus on the manufacturing sector.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1213 due for reply on 28.07.2025.

State-Wise details of Worker Population Ratio for persons aged 15-29 years during 2019-20 to 2023-24

States/UTs	Worker Population Ratio (%)				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Arunachal Pradesh	22.9	24.3	20.0	35.1	40.0
Assam	25.2	31.3	37.6	44.6	44.0
Manipur	21.8	17.4	18.7	26.3	24.3
Meghalaya	32.5	37.5	38.8	41.6	53.1
Mizoram	28.6	28.3	25.0	25.1	22.5
Nagaland	13.9	21.5	31.3	38.9	36.5
Sikkim	52.3	46.0	50.2	47.2	52.6
Tripura	32.9	33.2	34.2	36.4	43.9

Source: PLFS, MoSPI