

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1371
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31st JULY, 2025**

INCREASING UNEMPLOYMENT AND SLUGGISH HIRING PROCESS

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

- (a) the State-wise details of unemployed youth between the ages of 18 and 40 in the country;**
- (b) the year-wise details of full-time employment provided in public and private sector so far during the last five years;**
- (c) the year-wise details of employment provided in rural and urban areas in public and private sector during the last five years and the source of information thereof; and**
- (d) the current unemployment rate in the country and the year-wise details of the increase in unemployment rate during the last five years?**

ANSWER

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

(a) 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.

As per the latest available Annual PLFS reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for youth of age 15-29 has decreased from 17.8% in 2017-18 to 10.2% in 2023-24.

(b) As per latest Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR), indicating employment, including public and private sector, on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above has increased from 50.9% in 2019-20 to 58.2% in 2023-24.

(c) As per latest Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR), indicating employment, including public and private sector, on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above has increased from 53.3% in 2019–20 to 62.1% in 2023–24 in rural areas, and from 45.8% to 49.4% over the same period in urban areas.

(d) As per the latest available Annual PLFS reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above has decreased from 6% in 2017-18 to 3.2% in 2023-24.

Detailed state-wise, year-wise, and rural/urban employment indicators are available in the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) reports, which may be seen at https://www.mospi.gov.in/download-reports?main_cat=ODU5&cat=All&sub_category=All
