

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *201
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04TH AUGUST, 2025**

EMPLOYMENT IN GOVERNMENT SECTOR COMPANIES

***201. MRS RUCHI VIRA:**

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

- (a) whether unemployment still remains a major challenge in the country despite repeated assurances from the Government;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and**
- (c) the details of the number of the Government sector companies across the country which have provided employment to the youth along with the number of youth employed by these companies during the last five years and the current year, State/UT-wise?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *201 DUE FOR REPLY ON 04.08.2025 BY MRS RUCHI VIRA, M.P. REGARDING “EMPLOYMENT IN GOVERNMENT SECTOR COMPANIES”

(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.

As per the latest available Annual PLFS reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons age 15 years and above has decreased from 6.0% in 2017-18 to 3.2% in 2023-24.

As per the data available in latest Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR), indicating employment on usual status for persons aged 15 years and above during the year 2019-20 to 2023-24 are as follows:

(in %)

| Year | WPR |
|----------------|-------------|
| 2019-20 | 50.9 |
| 2020-21 | 52.6 |
| 2021-22 | 52.9 |
| 2022-23 | 56.0 |
| 2023-24 | 58.2 |

Source: PLFS, MoSPI

The data indicates that the Worker Population Ratio, indicating employment (including Government Sector Companies), for persons age 15 years and above has an increasing trend over the years in the country. The State/UT-wise estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR) on usual status for persons age 15 years and above are available at https://www.mospi.gov.in/download-reports?main_cat=ODU5&cat=All&sub_category=All

Employment generation coupled with improving employability is a priority of the Government. Accordingly, Government is implementing various employment generation schemes/ programmes. These inter-alia include Prime Minister’s Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Rural Self Employment and Training Institutes (RSETIs), Deen Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission

(DAY-NULM), PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), etc. The details of various employment generation schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government may be seen at https://dge.gov.in/dge/schemes_programmes.

Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India, is running the National Career Service (NCS) Portal which is a one-stop solution for providing career related services including information on jobs from private and government sectors, information on online & offline job fairs, job search & matching, career counselling, vocational guidance, information on skill development courses, skill/training programmes etc. through a digital platform [www.ncs.gov.in]. As on 14.07.2025, more than 6.43 crore (which inter-alia include Government, Private and Public Sector Undertaking) vacancies have been mobilised on NCS Portal.

In addition, the Union Cabinet has approved Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme named as the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBRY) to support employment generation, enhance employability and social security across all sectors, with special focus on the manufacturing sector.

(c): As per information provided by Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) in Public Enterprises Survey (PE Survey), the year-wise number of CPSEs along with the number of all employees reported are as follows:

| Year | Number of CPSEs | Number of all employees (in lakhs) |
|----------------|------------------------|---|
| 2019-20 | 250 | 14.74 |
| 2020-21 | 258 | 13.72 |
| 2021-22 | 261 | 14.62 |
| 2022-23 | 261 | 14.90 |
| 2023-24 | 271 | 15.19 |

Source: Survey Division, Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance

The State/UT-wise number of youth employed by these companies during the last five years is at Annexure.

Annexure referred in Part(c) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question *201 due for reply on 04.8.2025

State/UT Wise Number of all employees as submitted by CPSEs for the year 2023-24

| Sr. no. | Name of the State/UT | Number of All employees As on 31.03.2024 |
|----------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1 | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 940 |
| 2 | Andhra Pradesh | 64,377 |
| 3 | Arunachal Pradesh | 1,664 |
| 4 | Assam | 44,322 |
| 5 | Bihar | 26,298 |
| 6 | Chandigarh | 920 |
| 7 | Chhattisgarh | 89,855 |
| 8 | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 456 |
| 9 | Daman and Diu | 104 |
| 10 | Delhi | 35,287 |
| 11 | Goa | 4,615 |
| 12 | Gujarat | 66,401 |
| 13 | Haryana | 41,111 |
| 14 | Himachal Pradesh | 5,068 |
| 15 | Jammu & Kashmir | 12,603 |
| 16 | Jharkhand | 1,31,992 |
| 17 | Karnataka | 76,167 |
| 18 | Kerala | 34,300 |
| 19 | Ladakh | 381 |
| 20 | Lakshadweep | 51 |
| 21 | Madhya Pradesh | 97,417 |
| 22 | Maharashtra | 1,68,549 |
| 23 | Manipur | 662 |
| 24 | Meghalaya | 843 |
| 25 | Mizoram | 258 |
| 26 | Nagaland | 746 |
| 27 | Odisha | 1,26,826 |
| 28 | Puducherry | 2595 |
| 29 | Punjab | 20,936 |
| 30 | Rajasthan | 55,271 |
| 31 | Sikkim | 970 |
| 32 | Tamil Nadu | 1,09,472 |
| 33 | Telangana | 36,778 |
| 34 | Tripura | 3,103 |
| 35 | Uttar Pradesh | 86,103 |
| 36 | Uttarakhand | 19,756 |
| 37 | West Bengal | 1,35,736 |
| | State/UT wise Total | 15,02,933* |

***For 15,650 employees, either State/UT wise bifurcation not available or deployed overseas**

Source: Survey Division, Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance