

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3502
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH AUGUST, 2025**

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN BIHAR

3502. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

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

- (a) the details of the current unemployment rate in the country, State/UT-wise particularly in Bihar;**
- (b) the details of the percentage of graduates and postgraduates in the 20–30 age group remain unemployed across the country;**
- (c) whether the Government anticipate a rise in youth unemployment in the near future, if so, the details thereof along with potential socio-economic imbalances might this lead to; and**
- (d) the details of the policy measures being considered by the Government to address and mitigate the said challenges?**

ANSWER

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

(a): The official 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 persons of age 15 years and above has decreased from 6.0% in 2017-18 to 3.2% in 2023-24. Further, Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above in Bihar has decreased from 7.0% in 2017-18 to 3.0% in 2023-24.

State/UT-wise detailed information on Labour Market 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

(b): Further, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for graduate persons of age 15 years and above has decreased from 17.2% in 2017-18 to 13.0% in 2023-24 and UR on usual status for post-graduate & above persons of age 15 years and above has decreased from 14.6% in 2017-18 to 12.4% in 2023-24.

(c) As per the latest available Annual PLFS reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for youth of age 15-29 years in the country has decreased from 17.8% in 2017-18 to 10.2% in 2023-24 which is lower than the global unemployment rate of youth of 13.3 per cent [As per World Employment and Social Outlook Trends, 2024 published by International Labour Organization (ILO)].

(d): Employment generation coupled with improving employability including youth 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), Stand-up India Scheme, Start Up India , 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.

Government is implementing Skill India Mission (SIM) to deliver skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres/ schools/ colleges /institutes etc. under various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs). The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready, equipped with industry relevant skills.

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

Further, 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, employability enhancement programmes etc. through a digital platform[www.ncs.gov.in].
