

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2161
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH DECEMBER, 2025**

EMPLOYMENT RATE

2161. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH:

SMT. PHULO DEVI NETAM:

SMT. RANJEET RANJAN:

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

- (a) year-wise unemployment rate among male and female graduates and post graduates in the formal sector since 2020;**
- (b) the parameters or criteria adopted by Government to classify individuals as employed or unemployed and whether these have been revised since 2020;**
- (c) the number of operational National Career Service Centres (NCSCs) currently functioning, State-wise;**
- (d) the number of Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates that have been given guidance/coaching/training through NCSCs, year-wise and category-wise; and**
- (e) the rate of their employment, year-wise and State-wise?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): The official data on Employment and Unemployment is collected through Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), which is conducted by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017-18.

As per the latest Annual PLFS reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons (including formal sector) of age 15 years and above was decreased from 4.2% in 2020-21 to 3.2% in 2023-24. Further, the Unemployment Rate for the persons of age 15 years and above has decreased from 15.5% in 2020-21 to 13% in 2023-24 for graduates and from 12.5% to 12.4% for post graduates during the same period. Gender-wise detailed information are available in the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) reports, which may be seen at <https://www.mospi.gov.in/publications-reports>.

As per the latest Annual PLFS, workers (or employed) are persons who were engaged in any economic activity, resulting in production of goods and services that add value to national product for the employment and unemployment survey.

Ministry of Labour and Employment is implementing the “Welfare of SC/ST jobseekers Scheme” through the network of 25 National Career Service Centres for SC/ST (NCSC-SC/STs) across the country. State-wise, year-wise and category-wise guidance/coaching/training through NCSCs at Annexure-I

Further, as per the latest available Annual PLFS reports, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR), indicating employment on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above has increased from 40.2% in 2020-21 to 43.6% in 2023-24 for SC and 47.9% to 52% for ST during the same period.

Annexure-I referred to in reply of part (a) to (e) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2161 due for reply on 18.12.2025

State-wise National Career Service Centres (NCSCs) currently functioning and candidates trained /oriented through NCSC SC/ST Vocational Guidance and Career Counselling Including Typing & Shorthand Services

| State/UT | Location | 2020-21 | | 2021-22 | | 2022-23 | | 2023-24 | | 2024-25 | |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | | SC | ST | SC | ST | SC | ST | SC | ST | SC | ST |
| Mizoram | Aizwal | 0 | 3180 | 0 | 2505 | 36 | 6901 | 0 | 5514 | 0 | 3356 |
| Karnataka | Bangalore | 5317 | 756 | 4354 | 689 | 7131 | 1003 | 8492 | 1245 | 8786 | 1301 |
| Odisha | Bhubaneshwar | 1248 | 776 | 2491 | 1994 | 5268 | 5095 | 5386 | 5098 | 6445 | 6138 |
| Chennai | Chennai | 2347 | 1 | 6389 | 9 | 11122 | 0 | 12663 | 0 | 12681 | 0 |
| New Delhi | Delhi | 5680 | 287 | 7874 | 372 | 16456 | 112 | 18549 | 29 | 13651 | 2 |
| Assam | Guwahati | 1490 | 3084 | 1296 | 2393 | 3134 | 4940 | 4873 | 5364 | 5477 | 5303 |
| Haryana | Hisar | 6906 | 0 | 8691 | 0 | 12507 | 0 | 13424 | 0 | 9743 | 0 |
| Telangana | Hyderabad | 2645 | 2282 | 3020 | 2684 | 6532 | 5916 | 5986 | 5575 | 7575 | 6152 |
| Manipur | Imphal | 304 | 1297 | 1099 | 2706 | 2225 | 7382 | 2925 | 1734 | 3943 | 3331 |
| Madhya Pradesh | Jabalpur | 4679 | 4047 | 4367 | 3284 | 7617 | 4529 | 9438 | 5661 | 6987 | 4884 |
| Rajasthan | Jaipur | 4525 | 2389 | 4630 | 1586 | 9134 | 2657 | 13922 | 4900 | 15334 | 7852 |
| Punjab | Jalandhar | 620 | 0 | 2671 | 0 | 4949 | 0 | 5822 | 0 | 15168 | 0 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | Jammu | 1849 | 430 | 2356 | 795 | 4394 | 1401 | 3170 | 2307 | 2205 | 2300 |
| Meghalaya | Jowai | 4 | 952 | 0 | 4898 | 0 | 8485 | 0 | 9062 | 0 | 6135 |
| Uttar Pradesh | Kanpur | 11372 | 0 | 13031 | 0 | 30525 | 1 | 22629 | 0 | 20968 | 0 |
| Nagaland | Kohima | 70 | 2923 | 0 | 4824 | 0 | 6900 | 0 | 9487 | 0 | 9867 |
| West Bengal | Kolkatta | 1771 | 574 | 3619 | 2115 | 7279 | 3322 | 3252 | 1035 | 11818 | 892 |
| Himachal Pradesh | Mandi | 4668 | 326 | 4036 | 123 | 5842 | 134 | 5061 | 53 | 5415 | 12 |
| Maharashtra | Nagpur | 11184 | 2369 | 10876 | 2653 | 8169 | 3177 | 7126 | 3744 | 8361 | 4364 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | Naharlagun | 203 | 1492 | 435 | 2564 | 982 | 4576 | 1202 | 4030 | 262 | 3484 |
| Puducherry | Puducherry | 3413 | 0 | 5864 | 0 | 11049 | 0 | 14358 | 0 | 10698 | 0 |
| Jharkhand | Ranchi | 2787 | 9918 | 2337 | 13549 | 1617 | 7490 | 1828 | 7318 | 2700 | 10824 |
| Gujrat | Surat | 2470 | 3373 | 2989 | 3327 | 4795 | 5513 | 7881 | 5890 | 7199 | 5640 |
| Kerala | Trivandrum | 7295 | 476 | 8847 | 1139 | 8914 | 930 | 8757 | 431 | 12254 | 683 |
| Andhra Pradesh | Vishakhapatnam | 494 | 157 | 1363 | 676 | 2222 | 906 | 2171 | 1462 | 2348 | 1617 |
| | TOTAL | 83341 | 41089 | 102635 | 54885 | 171899 | 81370 | 178915 | 79939 | 190018 | 84137 |