

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.101
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH NOVEMBER, 2019

EMPLOYMENT RATE

101. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

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

- (a) the present rate of unemployment in the country;**
- (b) whether there has been a continuous increase in unemployment in the country and unemployment among women has increased more;**
- (c) the rate of increase of unemployment among men and women during the last five years and the number of employment provided during this period;**
- (d) whether the rate of unemployment is more in urban women than rural women; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (e): The quinquennial labour force surveys on employment and unemployment were conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The last such survey was conducted during 2011-12. Now, NSSO has switched to the annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) which was conducted during 2017-18. As per the result of Surveys, the estimated unemployment rate and worker population ratio on usual status (principal status + subsidiary status) basis for persons of all ages in the country for male, female, rural and urban-wise is given below to the extent available.

Unemployment Rates (in %)					
		2004- 05 (NSS 61st round)	2009-10 (NSS 66th round)	2011-12 (NSS 68th round)	2017-18 (PLFS)
Rural	Male	1.6	1.6	1.7	5.8
	Female	1.8	1.6	1.7	3.8
	Person	1.7	1.6	1.7	5.3
Urban	Male	3.8	2.8	3.0	7.1
	Female	6.9	5.7	5.2	10.8
	Person	4.5	3.4	3.4	7.8
Rural + Urban	Male	2.2	2.0	2.1	6.2
	Female	2.6	2.3	2.4	5.7
	Person	2.3	2.0	2.2	6.1

(Note: *For comparability, the results of the PLFS with earlier rounds of NSS surveys need to be understood in the context with which the survey methodology and sample selection has been designed)

Worker Population Ratio (in %)					
		2004-05 (NSS 61st round)	2009-10 (NSS 66th round)	2011-12 (NSS 68th round)	2017-18 (PLFS)
Rural	Male	54.6	54.7	54.3	51.7
	Female	32.7	26.1	24.8	17.5
	Person	43.9	40.8	39.9	35.0
Urban	Male	54.9	54.3	54.6	53.0
	Female	16.6	13.8	14.7	14.2
	Person	36.5	35.0	35.5	33.9
Rural + Urban	Male	54.7	54.6	54.4	52.1
	Female	28.7	22.8	21.9	16.5
	Person	42.0	39.2	38.6	34.7

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