

INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT GENERATION

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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 data available in latest Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR) and Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for person of age 15 years and above during the year 2020-21 to 2023-24 are as follows:

(in %)

Year	WPR	UR
2020-21	52.6	4.2
2021-22	52.9	4.1
2022-23	56.0	3.2
2023-24	58.2	3.2

Source: PLFS, MoSPI

The data indicates that the Worker population Ratio for persons of age 15 years and above, indicating employment, has an increasing trend and the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) has a decreasing trend over the years in the country.

The KLEMS (K: Capital, L: Labour, E: Energy, M: Materials and S: Services) database published by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) provides employment estimates, including manufacturing sector, at all India level. As per the latest data of the database, employment in the country increased to 64.33 crore in 2023-24 as compared to 47.5 crore in 2017-18.

Further, as per the data available in latest Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated female Worker Population Ratio (WPR) for persons of age 15 years and above, indicating employment, during the year 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 is 28.7%, 31.4%, 31.7%, 35.9% and 40.3%, respectively, which has an increasing trend over the years.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Labour and Employment Sushri Shobha Karandlaje in written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

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