

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.\*73  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2024**

**PATTERN OF RURAL EMPLOYMENT**

**\*73. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:**

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

**the pattern of rural employment in the country in terms of sector of employment (primary, secondary and tertiary), State-wise and gender-wise?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
(SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)**

**A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*73 DUE FOR REPLY ON 08.02.2024 BY SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN REGARDING "PATTERN OF RURAL EMPLOYMENT"**

The data on Employment and Unemployment is collected through Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017-18. The survey period is July to June of the next year.

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 & above in rural areas during 2018-19 to 2022-23 are as follow:

<b>Years</b>	<b>Worker Population Ratio (in %)</b>
<b>2018-19</b>	<b>48.9</b>
<b>2019-20</b>	<b>53.3</b>
<b>2020-21</b>	<b>55.5</b>
<b>2021-22</b>	<b>55.6</b>
<b>2022-23</b>	<b>59.4</b>

**Source: PLFS, MoSPI**

The data indicates that the employment in rural areas has increasing trend over the years. The estimated WPR, indicating employment, in rural areas has increased to 59.4% during 2022-23 as compared to 48.9% during 2018-19.

As per the latest available Annual PLFS report 2022-23, the percentage distribution of rural workers by broad industry division are as follows:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Broad Industry Division as per NIC- 2008</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Agriculture</b>	<b>58.4</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Mining &amp; quarrying</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>8.2</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Electricity, water, etc.</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Construction</b>	<b>13.9</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Trade, hotel &amp; restaurant</b>	<b>8.3</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Transport, storage &amp; communications</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Other services</b>	<b>7.0</b>
	<b>All</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Source: PLFS, MoSPI**

The State/UT-wise and gender-wise estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR) in rural areas on usual status for persons of age 15 years & above during 2022-23 are at Annexure.

Annexure referred to in reply of the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. \*73 due for reply on 08.02.2024

State/UT-wise details of Rural Worker Population Ratio (WPR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above for the year 2022-23 (in %)

S. No.	States/UTs	2022-23		
		Male	Female	Persons
1	Andhra Pradesh	76.0	50.2	62.8
2	Arunachal Pradesh	74.5	60.8	67.9
3	Assam	89.7	19.3	54.7
4	Bihar	72.0	23.0	47.8
5	Chhattisgarh	83.2	65.8	74.7
6	Delhi	65.6	3.9	35.7
7	Goa	65.5	21.7	42.4
8	Gujarat	83.3	54.2	68.9
9	Haryana	68.1	20.5	44.7
10	Himachal Pradesh	81.1	72.0	76.5
11	Jharkhand	79.5	52.3	65.6
12	Karnataka	75.9	42.0	59.0
13	Kerala	72.6	37.0	53.4
14	Madhya Pradesh	84.8	52.0	69.0
15	Maharashtra	76.1	49.8	63.2
16	Manipur	69.3	28.7	49.1
17	Meghalaya	78.5	61.6	69.9
18	Mizoram	68.0	47.3	58.2
19	Nagaland	79.3	69.6	74.7
20	Odisha	75.5	46.5	60.7
21	Punjab	74.7	26.3	50.8
22	Rajasthan	72.4	54.8	63.6
23	Sikkim	81.4	74.1	77.9
24	Tamil Nadu	72.4	47.5	59.6
25	Telangana	74.7	53.7	64.1
26	Tripura	74.2	36.6	55.6
27	Uttarakhand	70.7	44.1	57.1
28	Uttar Pradesh	79.2	35.2	57.0
29	West Bengal	81.0	36.2	58.6
30	Andaman & N. Island	81.2	45.2	64.0
31	Chandigarh	88.3	26.1	57.1
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli Daman & Diu	85.6	52.2	70.1
33	Jammu & Kashmir	75.6	52.5	64.2
34	Ladakh	57.8	57.2	57.5
35	Lakshadweep	78.8	8.9	40.3
36	Puducherry	74.9	47.0	60.1
All India		78.0	40.7	59.4

Source: PLFS, MoSPI