

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION  
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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE  
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**Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether according to the 61st Round of NSSO, the unemployment rate in rural and urban areas of the country is 17% and 45% respectively during July 2004 to June 2006;
- (b) if so, the reasons for increase in the rate of unemployment during the last two years;
- (c) whether any analysis to this effect has been made by the Government;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (e) whether the survey has revealed that the unemployment rate in women is higher than that of men; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a),(b), (c)&(d) As per the 55th and 61st round of NSSO, unemployment rates in the country on usual status basis during 1999-2000 and 2004 - 05 are given below:

Year	Rural (%)			Urban (%)		
	Male	Female	Person	Male	Female	Person
1999-2000-	1.7	1.0	1.5	4.5	5.7	4.7
2004-05	1.6	1.8	1.7	3.8	6.9	4.5

The results of these surveys indicate that while unemployment rate in the rural areas has marginally gone up, in the urban areas, it has marginally declined.

(e)&(f)As per the 61st round survey mentioned above, the unemployment rate in women is 1.8 and 6.9 percent, as compared to 1.6 and 3.8 percent in men, in rural and urban areas respectively. The survey has also collected data on the reasons (as per the informant`s views) for break in employment for those who ever worked, as under:

Per 1000 distribution of unemployed (15 to 59 yrs.) who ever worked by reason for break in employment

All-India

Reasons for break in employment Rural Urban  
 Male Female Male Female

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

Loss of earlier job			35	13	121	34
Quit earlier job			43	54	160	232
Lay-off without pay	9	2	17	29		
Unit closed	27	8	90	52		
Lack of work in the enterprise	189	116	149	114		
Lack of work in the area	519	676	239	241		
Others	173	132	223	298		
All (including n.r.)	1000	1000	1000	1000		