

Employment in nine organised sectors up by 200,000 during Q2 of FY22 sequentially

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Union Labour and Employment Minister Bhupendra Yadav

Formal sector employment in nine organised sectors including manufacturing, trade, and financial services jumped by two lakh in the second quarter of the current fiscal as against the first quarter, the Union government said on Monday.

The Union labour and employment minister Bhupendra Yadav said women participation had gone up to 32.1% from 29.3%.

“The estimated total employment in the nine selected sectors in July-September 2021 came out as 3.10 crore approximately, which is two lakh higher than April-June 2021,” Yadav said while releasing the Quarterly Employment Survey (QES).

Conducted by the Labour Bureau, QES collected data from 11,500 companies and establishments. The nine selected sectors are manufacturing, construction, trade, transport, education, health, accommodation and restaurant, IT / BPO and financial services, accounting for a majority of the total employment in the non-farm establishments.

Regular workers constituted 87 percent of the estimated workforce in the nine selected sectors, with only 2 percent being casual workers. In the construction sector, 20 percent of the workers were contractual and 6.4 percent were casual workers.

According to the quarterly survey, of the total employment estimated in the selected nine sectors, manufacturing accounted for nearly 39 percent, followed by education with 22 percent and health as well as IT/BPOs sectors both around 10%. Trade and transport sectors engaged 5.3 percent and 4.6 percent of the total estimated workers respectively.

The labour bureau data showed that 98.3 percent of the establishments were located outside households, though a highest 5.1 percent of units in accommodation and restaurants sector were found to operate from within households.

Looking at the educational qualifications of workers, it came out that 28.4% of those working in seven of the nine sectors (excluding Education and Health) were matriculates/secondary or less educated, while another 37.0% were graduates or had higher qualifications.

The QES showed at least 25 percent of the establishments were operating as registered societies, 53.9 percent were registered under the Goods and Service Tax (GST) Act, 2017 and 27.8 percent under Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1958.