

REJOINDER

News regarding the unemployment ratio was published in the Local Daily "Tripura Observer" dated 8th July, 2020 titled as "Tripura holds 2nd position for unemployment problems". The headlines stated that Tripura has the 2nd largest number of unemployed youths in the country. This data is factually incorrect and denied. The brief facts of unemployment ratio and the statistics are as under:

2) First of all, based on similar queries, the Government of India on the floor of the Parliament had stated the report of Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) cannot be relied upon as CMIE is a Private Institution and the Government is not aware of the survey design and methodology adopted by the CMIE.

3) Another survey is conducted by the Ministry of Statistics. The Ministry of Labour and Employment relies on the data of the NSO under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the last report that was published was on May, 2019. According to this report the estimated unemployment rate on usual status (principal status+ subsidiary status) basis for the persons of age 15 years and above, in the state of Tripura is 6.8% against 6% of all India Unemployment Rate. Tripura ranked 17 in terms of unemployment rate (ascending order).

4) The government of Tripura also publishes data on its NCS Portal. The National Career Service (NCS) data that has been published on 30th June, 2020 has a registration of 1.92 lakhs or 1, 92,246 job seekers. This portal has not been regularly updated by the job seekers and there are people who have been employed or contractually employed and presently self employed. According to data compiled by Employment Directorate 18735 numbers of people have been employed. Hence, according to NCS data approximately 4.7 % is unemployment rate in the State.

5) It also stated that earlier before 2016 there was an earlier Portal that used to register unemployed figures namely portal National Employment Service Portal. It had about 7 lakhs job seekers. Now it is less than the earlier figure. Thus, the Govt. of Tripura has significantly brought down the figures of unemployment rate both in absolute numbers as well as in the percentage of unemployed youth in the State.