



Quarterly Employment Survey

For Prelims: All-India Quarterly Establishment-based Employment Survey (AQEES), Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), International Labour Organization's (ILO) Employment Policy Convention.

For Mains: National Employment Policy (NEP)

Why in News

The **Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment** released the results of the [Quarterly Employment Survey \(QES\)](#) for the **Second Quarter of 2021 (July-September)**.

- Total employment generated by nine select sectors stood at 3.10 crore in the July-September 2021 quarter, which is 2 lakh more than that of the April-June period.

Key Points

- **About QES:**
 - **About:** The Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) is **part of the All-India Quarterly Establishment-based Employment Survey (AQEES)**.
 - It **covers establishments employing 10 or more workers in the organised segment in 9 sectors**.
 - These **nine sectors** are Manufacturing, Construction, Trade, Transport, Education, Health, Accommodation and Restaurant, IT/ BPO and Financial Services.
 - These sectors account for a majority of the total employment in non-farm establishments.
 - **Objective:** To enable the government to frame a "sound national policy on employment."
 - **International Commitment:** The release of this survey emanates from India's ratification of the [International Labour Organization's \(ILO\) Employment Policy Convention, 1964](#).
 - This requires the ratifying countries to implement "an active policy designed to promote full, productive and freely chosen employment."
 - India does not have a [National Employment Policy \(NEP\)](#) yet.

Note

- **QES vs PLFS:** While the QES provides a demand-side picture, the [National Sample Survey or Periodic Labour Force Survey \(PLFS\)](#) gives the supply side picture of the labour market.
 - Also, PLFS is conducted by the National Statistical Organization (NSO), MoSPI (Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation).
- **All-India Quarterly Establishment-based Employment Survey (AQEES):**
 - The AQEES has been taken up by the Labour Bureau to **provide frequent (quarterly) updates about the employment and related variables of establishments, in both**

organised and unorganised segments of nine selected sectors.

- These sectors altogether account for a majority of the total employment in the non-farm establishments.
- There are two components under AQEES:
 - Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) and
 - Area Frame Establishment Survey (AFES).
- QES would provide the employment estimates for the establishments employing 10 or more workers.
- AFES covers the unorganised segment (with less than 10 workers) through a sample survey.

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