

ASI: 'Marginal' dip in manufacturing jobs during Covid

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The number of people engaged in the manufacturing sector and the amount of wages earned by them bounced back in FY22 after a "marginal fall" in FY21 due to the Covid pandemic, the latest annual survey of industries (ASI) data for the years 2020-21 & 2021-22 released on Monday said.

According to ASI data, the employment in the manufacturing sector during the Covid pandemic years (FY21) declined by 3.2 per cent (year-on-year) to 16.08 million. Similarly, their total earnings slightly fell 1.6 per cent to ₹4.83 trillion in FY21.

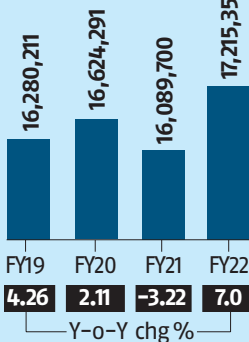
However, in FY22, the total number of people engaged in the manufacturing industries rose by 7 per cent (Y-o-Y) to 17.21 million and the total emoluments earned by them rose by 15.9 per cent to ₹5.6 trillion compared to the preceding year.

"The ASI results for the year 2021-22 exhibit the resilience shown by the Indian manufacturing sector and tell the unique turnaround story of the Indian manufacturing sector after the adverse effect of the pandemic witnessed in 2020-21 in terms of output and input contraction and also a marginal fall in employment," the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) said in a statement.



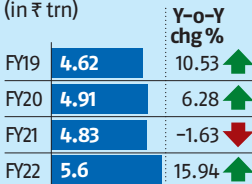
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■ Employment *



Total emoluments

(in ₹ trn)



*Includes total persons engaged
Source: PIB

The top five states employing the highest number of persons in the manufacturing sector were Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, and Haryana in ASI 2020-21 as well as in ASI 2021-22.