GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH DECEMBER, 2025

PERIODIC LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

2154.   SHRI SANJAY SETH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)   the manner in which the proposed inclusion of migration metrics in the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) would enhance employment policy formulation;

(b)   the steps being taken to ensure accurate and timely data collection on labour migration patterns;

(c)   whether the data would help in designing region-specific skilling and job creation programmes and if so, the details thereof;

(d)   the manner in which such metrics would aid in improving social security access for migrant workers; and

(e)   whether Inter-State coordination mechanisms are being strengthened to support migrant labour welfare through this initiative and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)

(a) to (e):   In the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), some information on migration particulars were collected during 2020-21 as a one-time measure and has brought out a report titled "Migration in India, 2020-21" in June, 2022, which is available on the Ministry's website.

In continuation of this effort, the National Statistics Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has proposed to conduct a Survey on Migration during the period July 2026 – June 2027. The survey aims to generate reliable estimates on migration rates, reasons for migration, short-term migration, and other related characteristics of households and individuals across the country. Further, the survey aims to benefit policymakers, planners, researchers, and development practitioners by enabling more targeted interventions in areas such as urban planning, housing, transportation, employment generation, social security, and skill development.

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