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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH March, 2018

MIGRATION OF FARM WORKERS

1734. DR. GOKARAJU GANGA RAJU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of farm workers/labourers have migrated from rural areas to urban areas in search of job due to lack of employment creation in the agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government is planning to create agriculture logistics in rural areas or smaller towns in order to stop people from migrating to big cities and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b): The decennial Census conducted by Registrar General of India provides data on migrant workers by place of last residence and industrial category. According to the latest available data on migrant agricultural labourers by place of last residence (Census 2001), the total number of rural to urban migration was 989,747 persons, including 298,657 males and 691,090 females.

(c): Government is implementing various schemes and programmes for creation of various types of post-harvest infrastructure for linking farmers with markets. Under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) and Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sampada Yojana financial and technical assistance is being provided for setting up of cold storage/ cold chain infrastructure and refrigerated transport vehicle projects. Furthermore, National Agriculture Market scheme (e-NAM) has been launched to create a pan-India electronic trading portal by networking existing 585 APMC Mandis in a unified national market for agricultural commodities. This innovative market process envisages better price discovery, transparency and competition to enable farmers to get improved remuneration for their produce
