

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

UN-STARRED QUESTION NO:- 2846  
TO BE ANSWERED ON MARCH 13, 2018

MIGRATION TO URBAN AREAS

No. 2846 SHRI P. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

- (a) Whether large scale migration to urban areas from rural areas is the main reason for urban employment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the development of economic opportunities in urban areas is not at par with the extent of migration; and
- (d) If so, the steps being taken by the Government to create employment opportunities and to improve the capacity of urban areas through rapid development of urban manpower?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY  
OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a)to(c): Migration from rural areas to urban areas is not the main reason for urban unemployment. According to World Migration Report 2015, migrants help in growth and capital accumulation. This report also suggests that migration decisions have a positive and significant impact on livelihood patterns of rural migrants.

- (d): The flagship Scheme of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) aims at eliminating poverty and vulnerability among urban poor by imparting skill training for self-employment and also placement in jobs. Also, the Mission provides for interest subvention on loans availed by individuals and groups for setting up of micro-enterprises.

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