

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2109**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14TH MARCH, 2023/ PHALGUNA 23, 1944 (SAKA)

DEPOPULATING PUNJAB

2109. SHRIMATI HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that State of Punjab is depopulating fastest in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that Punjab stands highest in the country at 859 people among number of Indians going abroad against the national average of 163 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the consequences of this as ageing and unproductive population is left behind in Punjab and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to deal with situation consequent to the mass exodus and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a): Decadal growth rate of population during 2001-2011 is 13.9 in the State of Punjab, which is not the lowest in India. A statement showing State-wise decadal growth rate during 2001-2011 is given at Annex.

(b): As per data available on the eMigrate Portal 10,654 Emigration Clearances (ECs) have been issued to Emigration Check Required (ECR) category workers from Punjab as against 3,73,434 ECs at all India level in 2022.

(c) & (d): The percentage share of population in the State of Punjab in the age-group of 15-59 is 64% in comparison to 60.3% at all India level as per Census 2011.

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Decadal growth rate : 2001-2011

State Code	State/Union Territory	Decadal growth rate (2001-2011)
01	JAMMU & KASHMIR	23.6
02	HIMACHAL PRADESH	12.9
03	PUNJAB	13.9
04	CHANDIGARH	17.2
05	UTTARAKHAND	18.8
06	HARYANA	19.9
07	NCT OF DELHI	21.2
08	RAJASTHAN	21.3
09	UTTAR PRADESH	20.2
10	BIHAR	25.4
11	SIKKIM	12.9
12	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	26.0
13	NAGALAND	-0.6
14	MANIPUR	24.5
15	MIZORAM	23.5
16	TRIPURA	14.8
17	MEGHALAYA	27.9
18	ASSAM	17.1
19	WEST BENGAL	13.8
20	JHARKHAND	22.4

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State Code	State/Union Territory	Decadal growth rate (2001-2011)
21	ODISHA	14.0
22	CHHATTISGARH	22.6
23	MADHYA PRADESH	20.3
24	GUJARAT	19.3
25	DAMAN & DIU	53.8
26	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	55.9
27	MAHARASHTRA	16.0
28	ANDHRA PRADESH	11.0
29	KARNATAKA	15.6
30	GOA	8.2
31	LAKSHADWEEP	6.3
32	KERALA	4.9
33	TAMIL NADU	15.6
34	PUDUCHERRY	28.1
35	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	6.9
	INDIA	17.7
SOURCE: PRIMARY CENSUS ABSTRACT-2011 INDIA		