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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1455  
ANSWERED ON 12/12/2023**

**MIGRATION OF PEOPLE**

**1455. SHRI NAYAB SINGH:**

**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any special scheme/plan to provide quality facilities to the rural population so as to check the increasing migration of people towards urban areas;**
- (b) if so, the achievements made in this regard so far; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

**(a) to (c): Checking the migration of rural people towards urban areas are sought to be addressed through multi-dimensional course of action such as provision of improved infrastructural facilities, equitable dispersal of resources to remove regional disparities, employment generation, imparting of skills, encouraging entrepreneurial activity, undertaking land reforms, enhancing literacy, and providing easy access to financial assistance & credit facilities etc.**

**So far as the Ministry of Rural Development is concerned, it is implementing various rural development schemes for creating employment opportunities and rural infrastructure. All these measures encourage people to stay in rural areas, earn their livelihood and raise their quality of life near their places of residence and hence act as a deterrent to distress migration of rural population to cities. Some of the schemes that have a positive impact on reducing migration are:**

- i. Under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS), guaranteed wage employment of 100 days in a financial year is provided to a rural household whose adult members are willing to take up manual work. Further, an additional 50**

**days of wage employment is provided over and above 100 days in the notified drought affected areas or natural calamity affected areas in the country on recommendation of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. Since inception, 4336.77 crore persondays have been generated (as on 08.12.2023) under this scheme.**

- ii. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is aimed at providing connectivity by way of single all-weather road to eligible unconnected habitations in rural areas so that these habitations can have access to basic health services, education and markets for their produce. Under the scheme, a total of 8,14,236 Kilometers of road has been sanctioned, out of which 7,49,114 Kilometers road length has been completed. Moreover, 99% habitation connectivity has been achieved under the scheme (as on 06.12.2023).**
- iii. Pradhan mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) is aimed to achieve the objective "Housing for All" by providing 2.95 Crore pucca houses by 2024, with basic amenities by convergence with other schemes, like electricity, clean cooking gas, water connection and toilets etc., to all houseless households and households living in kutcha and dilapidated houses in rural areas. Out of these, more than 2.94 Crore houses have already been sanctioned and 2.51 Crore houses have already been completed (as on 07.12.2023). Employment opportunities are also provided in convergence with Mahatma Gandhi NREGS by providing 90/95 mandays to PMAY-G beneficiaries. In addition to this, 2.46 lakh rural people have been certified and trained as rural masons.**
- iv. Department of Land Resources (DoLR) was implementing Watershed Development Component of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC-PMKSY) which is principally for development of rainfed/degraded areas. Under WDC-PMKSY 1.0, as per information received from the State/UT, since 2015-16 to 2021-22, approximately 31.94 lakh number of farmers benefited. Further, about 388.66 lakh person-days employment generated from 2018-19 to 2021-22. Under WDC-PMKSY 2.0, 1149 projects have been sanctioned to States/UTs covering an area of 50.55 lakh hectare. During Financial Year 2022-23 and 2023-24 (till 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter), approximately 4.30 lakh number of farmers benefited and about 89.44 lakh person-days employment generated.**

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