

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1253
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.09.2020**

WELFARE OF UNSKILLED AND SKILLED MIGRANT LABOURERS

1253. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

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

- (a) the details of schemes/programmes started/ implemented by the Government for welfare of unskilled and skilled migrant labourers in the country;**
- (b) the State/UT-wise details of the funds sanctioned/released and utilised in the current year;**
- (c) whether the Government has conducted or proposes to conduct any study/survey regarding the condition of workers at work places in the wake of COVID-19;**
- (d) if so, the details and the findings thereof; and**
- (e) the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to improve the overall conditions of the workers including their safety and health from COVID-19 at their work places?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a) to (e): Government has taken a number of measures for the welfare of the migrant workers, especially after the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic.

Around 1.83 crore Building and Other Construction (BOC) workers have been given cash assistance from the cess fund. State-wise details is annexed.

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has launched a scheme for Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHCs), which is a sub-Scheme under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) to create vibrant, sustainable & inclusive Affordable Rental Housing avenues for urban migrants/poor.

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Beneficiaries for ARHCs will be from Economically Weaker Section (EWS)/Low Income Group (LIG) category including industrial workers, migrants working with market/trade associations, educational/health institutions, hospitality sector, long term tourists/visitors, students etc.

Government of India has launched PM SVANidhi Scheme to facilitate collateral free working capital loan upto Rs. 10,000/- of one-year tenure, to approximately, 50 lakh street vendors, to resume their businesses.

Approximately 80 crore beneficiaries are being provided additional 5 kg wheat or rice and 1 kg of preferred pulses, free of cost every month till November, 2020 under provisions of National Food Security Act.

In addition 30 lakh BOC workers have been given food package relief also from cess fund. To boost employment and livelihood opportunities for migrant workers returning to villages, in the wake of COVID-19 outbreak, Government of India has launched Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan on 20th June, 2020. The Abhiyaan focuses on durable rural infrastructure and providing modern facilities like internet in the villages. Skill Mapping of the rural migrant labour is being done to help them work closer home. The Abhiyaan involves intensified and focused implementation of 25 target driven works to provide employment and create infrastructure in the rural areas of 116 districts of 6 States with a resource envelope of Rs 50,000 crore.

The Central Government has issued comprehensive Advisory Guidelines on 27.07.2020 to all the States/UTs for the welfare of the migrant workers returning to the destination States in the backdrop of Covid-19.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1253. For 19.09.2020

State-wise status of cash relief provided to Building and Other Construction workers during Covid-19

Sl. No.	Name of the States/UTs.	Total no of BoCW workers given assistance (A)	Total amount disbursed (Rs in Lakh) (B)	Expenditure on Other Items like food, Ration Kit, shelter etc. (Rs in Lakh) (C)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1967484	19674.84	
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3000	60	
3.	Assam	270000	2700	
4.	Bihar	0	0	Food package & other non-cash assistance
5.	Chhattisgarh	0	0	Food package & other non-cash assistance
6.	Goa	5117	307.02	
7.	Gujarat	483196	4831.96	25000
8.	Haryana	350621	17531.05	
9.	Himachal Pradesh	121281	4946.4	
10.	J&K (including Laddakh)	155975	4679.25	
11.	Jharkhand	0	0	5875
12.	Karnataka	1362438	68121.9	Food, ration etc.
13.	Kerala	454124	4541.24	
14.	Madhya Pradesh	891850	17837	
15.	Maharashtra	894408	17888.16	
16.	Manipur	52605	526.05	
17.	Meghalaya	24730	1236.5	
18.	Mizoram	51451	1543.53	640
19.	Nagaland	19046	380.92	
20.	Odisha	2083288	31249.32	
21.	Punjab	289237	17354.22	
22.	Rajasthan	2230000	55750	
23.	Sikkim	7836	156.72	
24.	Tamil Nadu	1370601	27412.02	
25.	Telangana	830324	12454.86	88027
26.	Tripura	39082	1172.46	
27.	Uttar Pradesh	1824911	35384.15	
28.	Uttarakhand	228423	4568.46	1.5 lakh ration kits distributed
29.	West Bengal	2198349	21983.49	
30.	Delhi	39600	3960	
31.	A&N Islands	11014	491.67	
32.	Chandigarh	6670	400.2	
33.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	Food, ration etc.
34.	Daman and Diu	0	0	Food, ration etc
35.	Lakshadweep	520	32.76	
36.	Puducherry	0	0	
	Total	18267181	379176.15	119542
37.			Total Amount Disbursed (B+C)	498718.15

Source:- As per reports received from the State BOCW Welfare Board

Total BOC

workers

benefited

18267181

Total Amount

4987.18 crore

disbursed
