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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3242**  
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REVERSE MIGRATION

3242. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:  
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of reverse migration from city to village/district during the last five years;
- (b) the States and cities which witnessed the largest number of reverse migration and the reasons of this reverse migration;
- (c) whether these migrated people get jobs, if so, the sector in which they are employed and their average wages per day;
- (d) the percentage of unemployment within reverse migration; and
- (e) whether the Government has drawn plans to equip these unemployed battery of youth with job oriented skills and if so, the details of the courses offered?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
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(a) & (b) Migration of workers from one State to another State is a continuous process and the migrant workers keep on moving from one State to other States in search of work. In regard to reverse migration, Ministry of Labour & Employment has informed that as reported by the States/UTs, during the Covid-19 lockdown situation, a total of 1,14,30,968 inter-state migrant workers returned to their home states. State-wise break up is enclosed at the **Annexure**. Further, it has been informed by Ministry of Labour & Employment that most of reverse migrants have gone back to their original or other workplaces and engaged themselves in productive employment.

(c) to (e) Government has taken several measures post COVID-19 situation to provide relief to the people in rural areas, including the reverse migrants people in all States/UTs. Ministry of Finance, Government of India, on 26th March 2020, announced relief package under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) for the poor to help them fight the battle against Corona Virus. The relief package announced includes, inter-alia:

- i. One-time ex-gratia payment of Rs 500 per month for 3 months (April, May and June 2020) to women Jan Dhan Account holders. In pursuance of this, Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) implemented the scheme of relief package of one-time ex-gratia payment of Rs 500 per month for 3 months (April, May and June 2020) to women Jan Dhan Account holders through various Banks. A total of Rs. 30956.97 crores has been released towards direct benefit transfers to 20.64 crore Women beneficiaries of Jan Dhan account holders under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) @ Rs. 500/- each for three months.

- ii. Ex-gratia of Rs.1000 in two instalments (Rs.500/- each) to the existing old age, widow and disabled/Divyangjan beneficiaries of the schemes of National Social Assistance Programme(NSAP). A total of Rs. 2814.50 crore as ex-gratia was released in two tranches in April and May, 2020 to States/UTs under PMGKY for the existing 282 lakh beneficiaries of NSAP schemes.
- iii. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA) wage rate revised w.e.f. 1.4.2020 with average wage rate increase of Rs.20 over the wage rate of 2019-20.
- iv. The collateral free credit limit for the Self Help Group(SHG) members under National Rural Livelihood Scheme (NRLM) enhanced from Rs.10 lakh to Rs. 20 lakh.

Apart from this, Government of India launched the Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA) on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 for a period of 125 days to boost employment and livelihood opportunities for returnee migrant workers and similarly affected citizens in rural area, in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic with resource envelop of Rs. 50,000 crore. The objectives of the Abhiyaan were to provide immediate employment & livelihood opportunities to the distressed, to saturate the villages with public infrastructure and creation of livelihood assets to boost the income generation activities and enhance long term livelihood opportunities by giving focus on 25 works in 116 selected districts across 6 States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. The Abhiyaan is a convergent effort of ongoing 25 schemes of 12 Ministries/ Department of Central Government. More than 50 crore man-days of employment was created under the Abhiyaan with an expenditure of Rs. 39292.81 crore.

Four schemes of the MoRD namely, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS), Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana- Gramin (PMAY-G), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and Shyama Prasad Mukherjee RURBAN Mission (SPMRM) have been identified under the GKRA. The achievement in this regard is as under:

- i. PMAY-G has sanctioned a total of 770522 houses and completed 481210 houses with a total expenditure of Rs.5618.19 crore.
- ii. Under PMGSY, as against the target of Rs. 2902 crore, an expenditure of Rs. 1529 crore has been incurred as on 30.11.2020.
- iii. Under SPMRM, the development works in 47 Rurban clusters under GKRA have been implemented with fast pace for providing employment and livelihood opportunities to the rural citizens. During the abhiyaan period, 13494 works have been completed against the target of 13886 which is 97% of overall physical target and Rs. 693.55 crore expenditure (including convergence expenditure) has been made which is 87% of financial targets taken by SPMRM under GKRA.

Other major steps taken by the MoRD under various schemes during the outbreak of Covid-19 for expeditious socio- economic development in rural areas are listed below:

- i. Mahatma Gandhi NREGS which is a demand driven wage employment programme provides at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year is to every rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. During FY 2020-21 (upto 11.03.2021), more than 363 crore person-days have been generated, which is approximately 44% more than the employment generated during the same period in FY 2019-20 and more than 1.61 crore new job cards have been issued. Government has enhanced the allocation under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA for Financial Year 2020-21 from BE Rs. 61,500 crore to Rs.1,11,500 crore.

- ii. PMAY-G aims to provide assistance to eligible rural households for construction of 2.95 Crore Pucca houses with basic amenities to achieve the objective of “Housing for All” by 2022. In the current FY, 36.38 lakh houses have been sanctioned and 28.45 lakh houses have been completed in PMAY-G and 0.64 lakhs in Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) with an expenditure of Rs.39195 crore.
- iii. PMGSY was launched in the year 2000 as a measure towards alleviation of poverty in rural areas by providing access to basic services to the rural population by providing them good quality roads. During the period of COVID states were directed to accelerate the pace of works so as to create more employment opportunities and boost rural economy. Under PMGSY, 25,943 Kms. of road length has been completed in 2020-21 and expenditure of Rs. 18,923 Cr. Incurred during this financial year.
- iv. SPMRM is a unique programme, designed to deliver catalytic interventions to rural areas on the threshold of growth. 300 Rurban Clusters with thematic economic growth points, are being developed across the country under this Mission. The Ministry had issued an advisory to the States/UTs regarding modification in existing projects/works proposed in DPR of cluster due to Covid-19 pandemic and to include more economic activities in order to reboot the rural economy. Cluster wise consultations have been convened with PRI members, SHG representatives as well as State and district functionaries to identify issues and suggestions with respect to further improving the on-ground implementation of the Mission. Under SPMRM, a total expenditure Rs. 3089 Cr. including convergence funds and critical gap funds has been incurred during financial year 2020-21.
- v. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission(DAY-NRLM) aims to reduce poverty by organizing the rural poor women into Self Help Groups (SHGs), and continuously nurturing and supporting them to take economic activities till they attain appreciable increase in income over a period of time. During the year 2020-21 (till Jan 2021), the Ministry of Rural Development under DAY-NRLM facilitated women Self Help Groups to leverage credit of Rs 56417 Crores from formal banking system for investing for continuation of their exiting economic ventures and also acquire new productive assets to start new enterprises.
- vi. There are two other skill development programmes for rural poor youth under DAY-NRLM, namely, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), and Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs). Both these schemes are aimed at increasing employability of rural poor youth either for wage or self-employment. After unlock orders and opening of training centres, under DDU-GKY a total of 9986 candidates have been trained and 36933 candidates have been placed in jobs during the current financial year 2020-21 (upto December, 2020). Under RSETI a total of 111367 candidates have been trained and 93874 candidates have been settled during the current Financial Year 2020-21(upto December, 2020).

Apart for the above mentioned schemes/programmes of Ministry of Rural Development, major schemes/programmes of other Ministries/departments for skill development and employment generation which provide employment opportunities and employability to the rural youth including the reverse migrants are as under-

- i. **PRADHAN MANTRI KAUSHAL VIKAS YOJANA** - The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) had launched Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) in the year 2015. The objective of this Skill Certification Scheme is to enable a large number of Indian Youth to take up industry-relevant skill training that will help them in securing a better livelihood. Individuals with prior learning experience or skills will also be assessed and certified under the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) component of the Scheme. RPL mainly focuses on the individuals engaged in unregulated sectors. The objectives of RPL are primarily three-fold: (i) to align the competencies of the un-regulated workforce of the country to the standardized National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF), (ii) to enhance the career/employability opportunities of an individual as well as provide alternative routes to higher education and (iii) to provide opportunities for reducing inequalities based on forms of knowledge over others.
  
- ii. **PRIME MINISTER'S EMPLOYMENT GENERATION PROGRAMME (PMEGP)**- The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises has been implementing a credit-linked subsidy programme named Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) since 2008-09 with Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) as nodal agency at the national level for generating employment in the country by setting up of micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector by helping traditional artisans and unemployed youth.

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**Annexure referred in the statement in the reply to part (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3242 due for answer on 16.03.2021 regarding 'Reverse Migration'**

S. No	Name of the State	No. of Migrant workers belonging to the State who have returned to their home State *
1	Andhra Pradesh	32,571
2	Andaman and Nicobar	4,960
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2,871
4	Assam	4,26,441
5	Bihar	15,00,612
6	Chandigarh	39230
7	Chhattisgarh	526900
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	43,747
9	Delhi	2,047
10	Goa	85620
11	Gujarat	0
12	Haryana	1,289
13	Himachal Pradesh	18,652
14	Jammu & Kashmir	48,780
15	Jharkhand	5,30,047
16	Karnataka	1,34,438
17	Kerala	3,11,124
18	Ladakh	50
19	Lakshadweep	456
20	Madhya Pradesh	7,53,581
21	Maharashtra	1,82,990
22	Manipur	12,338
23	Meghalaya	4,266
24	Mizoram	8446
25	Nagaland	11,750
26	Odisha	853,777
27	Puducherry	1,694
28	Punjab	5,15,642
29	Rajasthan	13,08,130
30	Sikkim	33,015
31	Tamil Nadu	72,145
32	Telangana	37,050
33	Tripura	34,247
34	Uttar Pradesh	32,49,638
35	Uttarakhand	1,97,128
36	West Bengal	13,84,693
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,14,30,968</b>

\* As per the data received from the States/UTs till 11.03.2021

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