GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3324 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021

DATABASE OF MIGRANT LABOURERS

3324. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA: SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:

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

- (a)whether the Government is preparing any database to map migrant labourers who have returned to their native places and if so, the details thereof;
- (b)the steps taken by the Government to utilize skills of migrant labourers and ensure employment to them in rural areas;
- (c)whether the Government has formed exclusive schemes for the aforesaid purpose and if so, the details thereof;
- (d)whether there is any data on number of labourers having left Delhi in the last two years and if so, the details thereof;
- (e)whether the Government has assessed returning of migrant labourers to native villages therein and if so, the detailed report on Economic Survey and the migrant labourers therefor; and
- (f)if not, the reasons therefor and the process of returning of migrant labourers and the families in employment thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) to (f): During nation-wide lockdown amidst Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, more than 1.14 crore Inter-State migrant workers returned to their home – states. Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has implemented the special programme for the fresh skilling (Short Term Training (STT)) and upskilling (Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)) of the returnee migrant workers impacted from

COVID-19 under its flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) to support the Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyaan (GKRA). This special programme has covered 116 districts of 6 states namely Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. PMKVY has two training components namely STT and RPL. As on 10.07.2021 under GKRA, 32,789 candidates have been trained under STT and 38,034 candidates have been oriented under RPL across the country. MSDE with the support of District Administration has undertaken skill mapping of the returnee migrants and identified the beneficiaries for the training under PMKVY. Job roles for the training of returnee migrants for STT and RPL were also identified by the District Administration.

Although, there is no specific information available on how many workers left Delhi during the last two years. The Government has launched a survey of migrant labour in the year 2021 to arrive at an estimate of migration across States. A portal to prepare a National Database of Unorganised Workers is being launched which will also have information on migrant labour.
