

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3558
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025**

DETENTION OF THE MIGRANT LABOURERS

3558. SHRI ABHISHEK BANERJEE:

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

- (a) the details of the number of migrant labourers in the country, State/UT-wise;**
- (b) whether it is a fact that migrant labour from Bengal has been detained in many States for speaking Bengali and if so, the details thereof, case-wise; and**
- (c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to ensure that there is no discrimination against migrant labourers from West Bengal on the premise of language?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)**

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Labour & Employment has launched eShram portal, a National Database of the Unorganised Workers on 26th August, 2021. The main objective of the eShram portal is to create a national database of unorganised workers including migrant workers seeded with Aadhaar, and facilitate delivery under existing Social Security and Welfare Schemes to such workers. It allows an unorganised worker to register himself or herself on the portal on a self-declaration basis. As on 05.08.2025, over 30.98 crore unorganized workers including migrant workers have registered on eShram portal. State-wise number of unorganized workers including migrant workers registered on eShram portal is annexed.

‘Policy’ and ‘Public Order’ are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. The States /UTs are primarily responsible for the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of crimes through their Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs).

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In order to safeguard the interest of the Migrant workers, the Parliament has enacted the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Services) Act, 1979 which, inter alia, provides for registration of certain establishments employing Inter-State Migrant Workers, licensing of contractors etc. Workers employed with such establishment are to be provided payment of minimum wages, journey allowance, displacement allowance, residential accommodation, medical facilities, protective clothing etc.

The enforcement authorities under Central Industrial Relations Machinery (CIRM) conduct regular inspections of the registered establishments and licensed contractors in the Central Sphere. The State Governments are mandated to enforce the Act, in the State Sphere.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (C) OF LOK SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 3558 FOR 11.08.2025 REGARDING “DETENTION OF THE MIGRANT LABOURERS” RAISED BY SHRI ABHISHEK BANERJEE, MP(LS).

States/UTs -wise number of unorganised workers including migrant workers registered on eShram portal, as on 05.08.2025.

S.N.	States	Registration on eShram Portal as on 05.08.2025
1.	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	34,455
2.	ANDHRA PRADESH	86,18,260
3.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2,09,908
4.	ASSAM	77,13,924
5.	BIHAR	3,00,29,469
6.	CHANDIGARH	1,88,480
7.	CHHATTISGARH	86,03,259
8.	DELHI	35,79,202
9.	GOA	82,998
10.	GUJARAT	1, 21,79,153
11.	HARYANA	54,02,184
12.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	20,03,493
13.	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	35,99,050
14.	JHARKHAND	96,94,965
15.	KARNATAKA	1,08,88,631
16.	KERALA	60,66,525
17.	LADAKH	34,686
18.	LAKSHADWEEP	2,843
19.	MADHYA PRADESH	1,89,30,439
20.	MAHARASHTRA	1,78,55,616
21.	MANIPUR	4,63,867
22.	MEGHALAYA	3,52,419
23.	MIZORAM	72,255
24.	NAGALAND	2,38,334
25.	ODISHA	1,36,07,406
26.	PUDUCHERRY	1,94,804
27.	PUNJAB	58,63,282
28.	RAJASTHAN	1,49,06,374
29.	SIKKIM	48,796
30.	TAMIL NADU	93,15,434
31.	TELANGANA	45,42,660
32.	THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	75,408
33.	TRIPURA	8,96,317
34.	UTTAR PRADESH	8,39,81,159
35.	UTTARAKHAND	30,86,316
36.	WEST BENGAL	2,64,81,453
	Total	30,98,43,824
