GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1594

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD MAY, 2016/VAISAKHA 13, 1938 (SAKA)

COMPOSITE TOWNSHIP FOR DISPLACED KASHMIRIS

1594. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to set up "composite township" for displaced Kashmiri Pandits migrants in the valley;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has been able to get land for the composite township from the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir and modalities have been worked out in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of registered Kashmiri migrant families in the country waiting for return to their homeland; and
- (e) whether any package for Jammu and Kashmir has been announced by the Government recently and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): The State Government of Jammu and Kashmir has been requested for identifying suitable land in the Kashmir Valley, where the Kashmiri migrants could be suitably rehabilitated. Further, action would be taken once the land is identified.

- (d): There are about 62,000 registered Kashmiri migrant families in the country, who migrated from the Kashmiri valley due to the onset of militancy/terrorism in the State of Jammu and Kashmir in the early 1990s. About 40,000 registered Kashmiri migrant families are living in Jammu, about 20,000 in Delhi/NCR and about 2000 families are settled in other parts of the country.
- (e): The Government of India, on 18th November 2015, has approved a rehabilitation package involving an estimated expenditure of Rs. 2000 Crore for providing additional 3000 State Government jobs to the Kashmiri migrants and construction of 6000 transit accommodations in the Kashmiri valley for the Kashmiri migrants to whom state government jobs have been provided/will be provided. The State Government of Jammu and Kashmir has been requested to take necessary action for the implementation of the package at the earliest.
