

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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MIGRATION OF YOUTHS FROM RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether migration of youths from rural areas because employment opportunities are increasing year by year as per the latest National Sample Survey Organisation;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the States where the seasonal migrants are in large number; and
- (d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) & (b) As per the latest estimates provided by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), based on 55th Round of Survey (July 1999-June, 2000), 18 million persons migrated from rural areas for the following employment related reasons:

- (i) in search of employment
- (ii) in search of better employment
- (iii) to take up employment/better employment
- (iv) transfer of service/contract and
- (v) proximity to place of work

(c) Data on seasonal migration have not been compiled by the NSSO during the said Survey.

(d) The Ministry of Rural Development have been implementing three employment generation programmes namely, Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) for creating additional employment opportunities in rural areas all over the country. The EAS and JGSY have been merged to a single wage employment programme, namely, Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) with effect from 25th September, 2001. This scheme is intended to provide additional wage employment, food security, alongwith the creation of durable community, social and economic assets and infrastructure development in rural areas.