

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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MIGRATION OF PEOPLE
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): whether a large number of persons are migrating from villages to cities in the country due to inadequate agro based industries in the rural areas; and

(b): if so, the efforts made by the Government to set up agro based industries in the villages to check migration of villagers to cities?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a) and (b): Migration of persons from villages to cities and from one State to another State does take place in the country due to various reasons. The Government (in the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries) has been implementing two credit linked subsidy schemes for employment generation, namely, the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) and the Prime Minister's Rojgar Yojana (PMRY) for generation of additional employment opportunities in the country. One of the main objectives of both these programmes is to facilitate generation of additional employment in the local (rural or urban) areas of each State. REGP is implemented through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) to assist eligible applicants in setting up village industries in the rural areas and small towns with population up to 20,000 and the PMRY through the Government of State/Union Territories, in both rural and urban areas, for providing self employment opportunities to educated unemployed youth.

During the last four years of the Tenth Plan, 19.30 lakh additional employment opportunities are estimated to have been generated under REGP and 13.16 lakh opportunities under PMRY respectively. Nearly 50 per cent of the additional employment under PMRY is generated in the rural areas.