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MIGRATION OF YOUTH TO CITIES

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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether inspite of several steps taken by Government for improving the traditional and cottage/rural industries during the last few years, the migration of rural youths in search of jobs towards the cities has increased manifold;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any survey has been conducted to ascertain the reasons for migration of youths to the cities from villages;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to check this tendency?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a) to (d): Migration from rural areas to cities in search of employment does take place in India. The Government (in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) has, however, not conducted any survey on this subject.

(e): The Government (in Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) has been implementing two credit linked subsidy schemes for employment generation, namely, the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) implemented through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) implemented through the State/Union Territory Governments.

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PMRY is implemented in both rural and urban areas (with approximately 50 per cent of the units being in rural areas), for providing self-employment opportunities to educated unemployed youth. PMRY is implemented through the District Industries Centres of the States and Union Territories. During the 10th Five Year Plan, under the PMRY, estimated self-employment opportunities for 17.32 lakh persons were generated.

Government (in the Ministry of Rural Development) also implements several self-employment and wage employment programmes in the rural areas, viz. Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). Further, the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), 2005 administered by the Government (in the Ministry of Rural Development) aims to provide for the enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. NREGA has so far been implemented in 330 districts of the country and all the districts of the country are to be covered by 2010. Providing local employment, on demand by the household, may mitigate distress migration.