

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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EXODUS OF RURAL PEOPLE TOWARDS CITIES

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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of persons who have migrated to the cities after giving up certain activities including cultivation during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has reviewed the situation and formulated any strategy to check the trend;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and success achieved as a result of the same, if any;and
- (d) the further steps being proposed by the Government to check the rising exodus of rural people towards cities?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN `ADITYA`)

(a) The Ministry of Rural Development does not maintain data on persons migrated to the cities. The National Sample Survey Organization's (NSSO) (Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation) Report No. 470 of NSS 55th Round (July 1990-June-2000) has collected information through the sample survey regarding the number of persons migrated from rural areas to urban areas. The statement giving State-wise rural to urban migration on the basis of above Report is annexed.

(b)to(d) The Ministry of Rural Development implements through the State Governments, major schemes like Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) to provide self employment to the members of the rural poor families of the country, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA) with the objective of providing guaranteed wage employment of 100 days in a financial year to a rural household whose adult members are willing to take up manual work. The Ministry is also implementing others schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Rural Drinking Water Supply (DWS), Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) and Watershed Development Programmes with the objective of developing rural infrastructure and basic amenities for improving of living conditions of the rural masses. These schemes are primarily designed to provide employment to the rural poor in their villages or nearby villages besides creating rural infrastructure and creating basic amenities so that migration of people from rural to cities could be reduced.