

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MIGRATION FROM VILLAGES BY JOBLESS YOUTHS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether jobless young men and women are migrating from rural areas resulting in a large number of abandoned villages in the strategically important areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State-wise especially in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government in consultation with each State to correct the situation in the future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (c): Migration from rural areas in search of employment has been a trend over the past many decades. State wise figures, that includes all types of migration for work/employment purpose are given at Annexure. However, with a view to arresting distress migration, the Government has enacted Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act which aims at enhancing the livelihood security of people in rural areas by guaranteeing hundred days of wage-employment in a financial year to a rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. According to the Act, employment shall be provided within a radius of five kilometers of the village where the applicant resides at the time of applying. In cases the employment is provided outside such radius, it must be provided within the Block and the labourers shall be paid 10% extra wages. As such, providing local employment, on demand by the household, mitigates distress migration.