

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PACKAGE TO KASHMIRI MIGRANTS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has announced any financial package for the repatriation, rehabilitation and creation of employment opportunities for Kashmiri migrants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith allocation made/spent in this regard;
- (c) the details of Kashmiri families who are registered as migrants; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken for proper implementation of the said package and to ensure the safe return of migrant families to the Kashmir valley?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

(a)& (b): Yes, Madam. For facilitating the return of migrants who are willing to return to the Valley, a comprehensive Package of Rs. 1618.40 crore has been announced in 2008 for return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrants to the Valley. The allocation of the Package is as follows:

- (i) Assistance for repair/renovation of damaged houses – Rs. 920 crore
- (ii) Transit accommodation and rentals – Rs.110.00 crore ,
- (iii) Continuance of cash and rations relief for two years – Rs.180.00 crore,
- (iv) Students' scholarship – Not assessed,
- (v) Employment in Government and financial assistance for self employment, - Rs.293.40 crore,

Financial assistance to agriculturists and horticulturists – Rs. 115.00 crore, and Waiver of interest on loans – Not assessed.

So far, Government of J&K has incurred an expenditure for construction of transit accomodation only, amounting to Rs. 18.83 crore as migrants have not returned to the Valley and made claims.

Besides constructions of 5242 two roomed tenements for Kashmiri migrants at a cost of Rs. 385.00 crore at Jagati is under implementation and expenditure incurred so far is Rs. 278.27 crore.

(c): There are 58,697 Kashmiri migrant families registered with respective Relief Authorities with the following details:

- (i) Jammu - 38119 families,
- (ii) Delhi - 19338 families;and
- (iii) Other places - 1240- families.

(d): The Government of J&K has taken steps, such as constitution of Apex Advisory Committee to oversee the effective implementations of the Package, inviting applications from migrants, who are interested in returning to the Valley and have reported to receive 4621 applications, creation and notification of posts exclusively for migrants and construction of transit accommodation for implementation of Package. 1906 candidates have already been selected for employment, out of which 1100 candidates have joined in the Valley.