GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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MIGRATION OF RURAL PEOPLE
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether rural population has witnessed a downfall in the country during the last decade;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether a large number of people from rural areas have migrated to other places in recent years due to decreasing employment opportunities in agricultural and allied sectors;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No, Sir.

(c)to(e): No such evidence is available in the Minisitry of Rural Development to show that the migration from rural areas to other places is due to decreasing employment opportunities in agricultural and allied sectors. For creating employment opportunities, providing access to basic needs and creating rural infrastructure, Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation are implementing various rural development schemes namely Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 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; Swaranjyanati Gram Swarozgar Yojana/National Rural Livelihood Mission with the objectives to provide self- employment to the members of the rural poor families; Watershed Development Programmes for area development. Besides, Indira Awaas Yojana, National Rural Drinking Water Programme , Total Sanitation Campaign and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana are also implemented to provide access to basic needs and developing rural infrastructure for improving living conditions of rural masses. These Programmes are helpful in reducing the migration of people from rural areas to other places.