

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1120  
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MIGRATION TO CITIES  
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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of migrants from rural India to small towns and metros during the last ten years, year-wise;
- (b) whether an internal migration policy has been drafted by the Government to address the issue in a comprehensive manner; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SMT. DEEPA DASMUNSHI)

(a) The number of persons migrating to cities is not available year-wise as Census is conducted for every 10 years. However, a statement giving State / UT wise Census 2001 data (Census 2011 data is yet to be released) on migration from rural to urban areas is given at Annexure - A.

(b)& (c): No, Madam. It is not the Policy of the government to either check or facilitate migration to the cities as the process of migration is driven by demographic and economic factors and distortions in the process may have undesirable consequences on economic growth and development