

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3072

ANSWERED ON:08.12.2009

DISPLACED KASHMIRIS

Adityanath Shri Yogi;Bais Shri Ramesh;Gandhi Smt. Maneka Sanjay;Singh Shri Radha Mohan

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has announced a financial package for the rehabilitation of displaced Kashmiri migrants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the activities undertaken under the said rehabilitation package and the number of families benefited therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3072 REGARDING "DISPLACED KASHMIRIS" FOR
REPLY ON 08-12-2009

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. A package of Rs. 1618.40 crores for return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrants to the Valley has been announced on 25-04-2008. The package provides for provision of assistance for housing, repair/renovation and damaged houses, transit accommodation, continuance of cash and ration relief, students' scholarship, employment opportunities and financial assistance for self employment, financial assistance to agriculturists and horticulturists and waiver of interest on loans. For facilitating the return of migrants who are willing to return to the Valley, the Central Government has approved the construction of 200 flats at Sheikhpora in Budgam District. The shrine in Mattan and Kheer Bhavani has been developed into two model clusters containing temporary shelters for Kashmiri migrants where they could be settled temporarily till such time they can repair their existing residential houses. The State Government has constructed 18 flats at Mattan and 100 one roomed tenements at Kheer Bhavani. An initial amount of Rs. 8.35 crores has been released by the Central Government to the State Government for implementation of the package. So far, 4159 applications have been received by the State Government from Kashmiri migrants evincing interest to return to the Valley. State Government has identified land at three places for construction of additional transit accommodation. The proposal for construction of transit accommodation has been finalised and tenders have been floated. State Government has created 3000 posts for Kashmiri migrants youths. The process for filling up of these posts has been initiated.