

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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MIGRATION TO CITIES  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the influx of villagers to the cities is on the rise;
- (b) if so, whether his Ministry has a special plan for the all round development of villages so that the influx of villagers to the cities can be checked; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing various rural development programmes including Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) and Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) as a part of overall planning process through State Governments and UT Administrations. The objective of these programmes is to bring about overall improvement in the quality of life in rural areas through employment generation, development of rural infrastructure and provision of other basic amenities. This will help in reducing distress migration of people from rural to urban areas. The findings of independent studies conducted by the Ministry indicate that distress out-migration from villages has come down due to implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi NREGS.