

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF RURAL EMPLOYMENT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual growth rate of workforce in the rural non-farm sector as compared to the agriculture sector during the last three years;
- (b) the initiatives taken by the Government to promote rural employment in the non-farm sector and their impact during the last three years;
- (c) whether migration from rural areas has reduced with increasing employment opportunities in non-farm sectors; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA) a) As per the results of Employment-Unemployment Surveys (EUS) conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) during NSS 61st Round (July' 2004-June' 2005), 66th Round (July' 2009-June' 2010) and 68th Round (July' 2011-June' 2012), the estimated number of workers for the agriculture sector and non-farm sector, and its growth is given in Annexure-1.

b) The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing, through State Governments, different rural development programmes, namely, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) for wage employment, National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) for self-employment. These programmes are aimed at betterment of rural livelihoods and overall development of rural areas through creation of employment opportunities.

c) & (d) Yes, Madam. The findings of independent studies conducted by the Ministry indicate that the impact of these schemes has shown that their implementation leads to reduction in distress migration from rural areas.