

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1545

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REHABILITATION OF KASHMIRI PANDITS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has issued any direction to the State Government of J&K to provide land for the rehabilitation of displaced Kashmiri migrants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the follow-up action taken so far;
- (c) the amount of expenditure likely to be incurred in this regard; and
- (d) the manner in which the Government is likely to utilize Rs. 500 crores earmarked in Union Budget 2014-15?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): Yes, the Government has written to the State Government of J&K to identify suitable land in the vicinity of Srinagar and cities/towns in the Kashmir Valley, near the native places of the Kashmiri migrants, where they can be suitably rehabilitated.

The Government is committed to facilitate the return of the Kashmiri migrants to the Kashmir Valley and their proper rehabilitation there. The Central Government has earmarked Rs.500 Crore for rehabilitation of Kashmiri Migrants in the Union Budget of 2014-15. The State Government of J&K has sent a proposal having financial implications to the tune of Rs.5820 Crore, for revision in the existing Prime Minister's Package-2008 seeking enhancement of financial assistance for various components e.g. construction/ reconstruction of houses, state government jobs to the migrant youths, self employment, financial assistance for acquiring land for establishing cluster accommodations etc. The proposal is presently under examination. The new Package for the return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrants is being formulated in consultation with the State Government and the representatives of the migrants. Rs.500 Crore earmarked in the Union Budget 2014-15 for rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrants will be utilized in implementation of this new Package.