

Title: Need to provide reservations to Kashmiri migrants in jobs and admissions to educational institutions. – Laid.

SHRI EKLNATH MAHADEO GAIKWAD (MUMBAI NORTH CENTRAL) : I take this opportunity to invite the attention of Government to the plight of displaced Kashmiris including Kashmiri Pandits who have been forced to leave their hearths and homes in the valley and are forced to lead a life of refugees in their own country. Though belonging to well to do families, the well educated kashmiri youth are leading a life of penury, in different parts of the country.

The slums of Bandra and Kharwadi stride out of the agony of lives of the migrant Kashmiri population trying to make both ends meet in penury. Kashmiri women and children including educated children go begging from door to door, in the absence of work for livelihood. Maharashtra Government has already reserved a quota for Kashmiri migrants in the State Education institutions. I would suggest that the Central Government and the Governments in different States and Union Territories set apart reserve a specific quota in educational institutions and State Government services.