

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Re. Measures to tackle the problem of migration from Seemanchal region of Bihar-Laid.

**DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED (KISHANGANJ):** The out-migration of unskilled and semi-skilled labourers is a result of less economic opportunities and poor living conditions in the Seemanchal region of Bihar. According to the NITI Ayog's Report on 'Multi-dimensional poverty Index', the level of poverty in Kishanganj district of Bihar has increased to 64.75%. Moreover, Post pandemic, the reverse migration of inter-state labourer to Seemanchal led to a problem of disguised unemployment in agriculture.

To tackle these problems, a dedicated pool of short term & long term measures should be formulated.

Short term measures should focus on skill development of the youth and grassroot level implementation of centrally sponsored schemes like PMKVY in the region. In addition to vocational training, IT based training should also be given to the students based on market demands. Furthermore, Govt should set up Skill Development Board of Seemanchal to look into such matters.

Long term measures should include building higher educational institutions in the region for professional training of the youth of Seemanchal like AMU-K. Opening up of agro-based industries for alternative employment opportunities and development of primary sector.

Together, these measures will led to socio-economic development of the region.