

**Seventeenth Loksabha**

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**Title: Regarding death of migrant workers of Bihar in other States**

**SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY (SARAN):** Recently, there has been an alarming rise in the number of cases in which migrants from Bihar have lost their lives in other States. More than half of the households in Bihar have male members of their family who have ventured out in search of jobs and better remuneration. The highest migration takes place from the pockets of Saran, Munger, Darbhanga, Kosi, Tirhut and Purnia. In Delhi alone, 18 per cent of all the migrants come from Bihar. The average age of the migrants is 32 years and more than 90 per cent of them work in private factories or are engaged as casual workers. Reports have highlighted the rising number of incidents in which migrant workers from Bihar have lost their lives. On 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022, one worker was killed and 2 others were injured in Jammu and Kashmir by terrorists. Tragic deaths have been reported, ranging from causes such as collapse of buildings which killed three brothers from Chapra, accidents involving fires where eleven workers from Bihar perished, as well as the death of four laborers from Bihar in road accidents. These cases highlight the lack of a robust safety and security mechanism when it comes to the protection of migrant workers from Bihar as well as migrants in general in their areas of employment. There is thus an imminent need to address this issue and ensure that more precious lives of workers from Bihar and across the country are not lost due to such tragic and avoidable incidents.