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MIGRATION OF AGRICULTURE WORKERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the large scale migration of agriculture workers from villages to cities in various States;
- (b) if so, the reasons for their migration; and
- (c) the steps taken to ensure their employment and to stop any further migration?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): The main reasons for migration of agriculture workers from villages to cities in various States are non availability of avenues of employment, expectation to have higher income and better quality of living.

(c): The Government is implementing various schemes in different sectors including agriculture, agro based industries, small and village industries, sericulture, apiculture etc. alongwith other infrastructure and social development sectors which are aimed at generating income and employment in rural areas so as to accelerate the pace of developmental activities in agriculture in rural areas and discourage to a greater extent the migration from villages to cities in various States. Very recently the first ever National Agriculture Policy announced in July,2000 aims to attain a sustainable and demand driven growth, with equity, in excess of 4% per annum. It seeks to actualize the vast untapped growth potential of agriculture sector, enhance sustainable of agriculture, ensure household food and nutritional security, strengthen basic rural infrastructure, promote value addition, create employment opportunities in rural areas, secure fair standard of living for the farmers and agriculture workers and their families and also discourage migration of agriculture labour to urban areas.