

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:134

ANSWERED ON:02.08.2005

MIGRATION OF YOUTHS

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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the migration of rural folks to cities in search of jobs has increased manifold during the past few years in spite of several steps taken by the Government for the improvement of traditional and cottage industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has conducted any survey to find out the causes of such migration from villages to cities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to check this tendency?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)to(e): A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 134 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2005.

(a)to(d): Migration from rural areas to cities in search of employment does take place in India. The Government (in the Ministry of Agro & Rural Industries) has, however, not conducted any survey on this subject.

(e): The Government (in the Ministry of Agro & Rural Industries) has been implementing two credit linked subsidy schemes for employment generation, namely, the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) and the Prime Minister's Rojgar Yojana (PMRY).

The target for the 10th Plan period under REGP is to generate 25 lakh additional employment opportunities in the rural areas. The target for 2005-06 under REGP is 5.5 lakh job opportunities. The progress under the REGP during the last three years is given in the table below :