

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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MIGRANT POPULATION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that out of the total population in the country 30 percent population is migrant as reported in `The Hindu` dated November 11,2005;
- (b) if so, the facts and details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any effective steps to check and stop the flow of migrant population; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. Of the total of 307.1 million migrants by place of birth, 181.7 are intra-district migrants, 76.8 million inter-district and 42.3 million inter-state migrants. 6.1 million migrants are from abroad.

Both the intra-state and inter-state migrations are mainly on account of reasons of marriage and work/ employment. As every citizen has a fundamental right under Article 19 of the Constitution to move freely and reside and settle in any part of the country, no steps have been taken to check inter-state migration and restrict this right.