

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 69
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.09.2020**

MIGRANT LABOURERS DURING COVID-19

69. SHRIMATI PRAMILA BISOYI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of number of migrant labourers/families who returned to the origin during COVID-19;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;**
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide education to the children of migrant family during COVID-19;**
- (d) whether the Government is planning to provide cash assistance to the migrant family; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a) to (e): India, as a Nation, has responded through the Central government, State governments, Local Bodies, Self-help Groups, Resident Welfare Associations, Medical Health Professionals, Sanitation Workers as well as large number of genuine and bonafide non-governmental organizations in the Nation's fight against the unprecedented human crisis due to the outbreak of Covid – 19 and country-wide lockdown. A Statement is enclosed.

Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched various schemes for migrant workers who have returned to their native places. One of the schemes is Anganwadi services which has been extended to children of migrant workers.

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In order to ensure relief measures not only for the poor people and migrant workers but also to their families/dependents, Government has announced Rs. 1.70 lakh crore relief package under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) for the poor to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 pandemic. The salient features of the relief package are:

- (i) Insurance cover of Rs.50 Lakh per health worker fighting Covid-19 provided under the insurance scheme.**
- (ii) 80 crore people are being provided additional 5 kg wheat or rice and 1 kg of preferred pulses, free of cost every month till November, 2020 to all the beneficiaries under provisions of National Food Security Act.**
- (iii) 20.65 crores women Jan Dhan account holder has been given cash assistance of Rs.500/- per month per person for three months. Rs.10,325 Crores, Rs.10,315 Crores and Rs.10,312 Crores have been credited in three installments to the women Jan Dhan account holders.**
- (iv) 8 crore poor families registered under the scheme of Ujjwala will get 1 gas cylinder, per family per month free of cost for the next three months.**
- (v) MNREGA wage has been increased Rs.202/- a day from Rs.182/-, which will benefit 13.62 crore families.**
- (vi) An ex-gratia financial assistance of Rs.1000 per person will be given to 3 crore poor senior citizen, poor widows and poor disabled. Rs.2814.5 Crores disbursed to about 2.81 crores old age persons, widows and disabled persons in two installments.**
- (vii) Rs.17,891 Crore front loaded towards payment of the first installment of PM-KISAN Yojana to 8.94 crore beneficiaries.**
- (viii) Wage-earners earning below Rs.15000/- per month in establishment having less than 100 workers, would be given 24% of their monthly wages into their PF accounts, per person, per month for next three months.**
- (ix) 2.03 crores Building and Other Construction workers have been given cash assistance of Rs.5000 crores (approx.) from the cess fund.**
- (x) 30 lakh BOC workers have been given food packages relief also from cess fund.**

Annexure

S.No.	Name of the State	No. of Migrant workers who have returned to their home state*
1	Andhra Pradesh	32571
2	Andaman and Nicobar	-
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2871
4	Assam	426441
5	Bihar	1500612
6	Chandigarh	-
7	Chhattisgarh	-
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	43747
9	Delhi	-
10	Goa	-
11	Gujarat	-
12	Haryana	1289
13	Himachal Pradesh	-
14	Jammu & Kashmir	48780
15	Jharkhand	530047
16	Karnataka	-
17	Kerala	311124
18	Ladakh	50
19	Lakshadweep	456
20	Madhya Pradesh	753581
21	Maharashtra	182990
22	Manipur	12338
23	Meghalaya	4266
24	Mizoram	-
25	Nagaland	11750
26	Odisha	-
27	Pondicherry	1694
28	Punjab	515642
29	Rajasthan	1308130
30	Sikkim	-
31	Tamil Nadu	72145
32	Telangana	37050
33	Tripura	34247
34	Uttar Pradesh	3249638
35	Uttarakhand	-
36	West Bengal	1384693
	Total	10466152

*As available till date
