

Migration of Labour in the Country

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Migration of workers from one state to another state is a continues process, and dynamic in nature. As per Census 2011 data, the total number of Inter-State migrant workers in the Country are 4,14,22,917. State-wise number of workers who migrated to other States in search of jobs is at Annexure-I.

The Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA) was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 20th June 2020, with a mission to address the challenges faced by returnee migrant workers to their home States. On the lines of the GKRA, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) undertook demand driven skilling / orientation under Centrally Sponsored and Centrally Managed (CSCM) component of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY 2.0) 2016-2020. GKRA under PMKVY CSCM-STT coverage was in 6 States namely Bihar, Assam, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh. Based on inputs received from district committee, targets under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) were allocated. RPL Training was implemented in 6 states i.e., Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. The RPL Project focused on certifying migrant workers who had experience in the same trade to obtain better employment opportunity within or outside the district. The PMKVY 2.0 (GKRA) year-wise, state-wise and sector-wise updated as on 30th June 2023 is at Annexure-II, III &IV respectively.

As per the Report Migration in India, 2020-21, based on Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2020-21, released by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), the total migration rate in India was 28.9% and in rural was 26.5%. Out of the total migrant persons, around 10.8% persons were migrated due to employment related reasons. The employment related reasons include in search of employment/better employment, for employment/ work (to take up employment/ to take up better employment/ business/ proximity to place of work/ transfer) and loss of job/closure of unit/lack of employment opportunities.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 96 for 20.07.2023 raised by Dr. Sasmit Patra, MP (RS) regarding Migration of Labour in the Country.

State wise Number of persons who moved in for work & Employment as per Census - 2011 (Migrant Workers)		
S. No.	States/UTs	Persons
1	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	52,129
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	37,37,316
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1,19,244
4	ASSAM	5,72,064
5	BIHAR	7,06,557
6	CHANDIGARH	2,06,642
7	CHHATTISGARH	10,21,077
8	DADRA & NAGAR	63,779