

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 434
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.11.2019**

MIGRANT LABOUR WORKFORCE

434. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

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

- (a) the latest data of total number of migrant labour workforce in the country with sector-wise percentage, the details of these workers employed in key sub-sectors such as construction, mining, textile, domestic work; and**
- (b) whether Government proposes to set-up an inquiry department facilitating smooth integration of new migrant labourers into city life?**

ANSWER

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

(a): Migration of workers from one place to another place is a continuous process and the migrant workers keep on moving from one place to another place in search of work and such workforce also keep on shifting from one sector to another sector depending upon the opportunities (such as more wages, duration and continuity of work) etc. hence, it is not feasible to keep record/data of migrant labour workforce.

However, according to the Economic Survey 2016-17 the size of the workforce as per Census 2011 was 482 million people and based on extrapolation, this figure would have exceeded 500 million in 2016. If the share of migrants in the workforce is estimated to be even 20%, the size of the migrant workforce can be estimated to be over 100 million in 2016 in absolute terms.

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(b): The Government has enacted Inter State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Condition of Service) Act, 1979 to protect the interest of the migrant workers who migrate within India for Jobs/better employment opportunities. The Salient features of the Act are as under:-

- **Registration of all principal employers/contractors.**
- **Licensing of contractors.**
- **Issue of passbooks**
- **Payment of minimum wages.**
- **Payment of equal wages to male & female workers for same type of work.**
- **Payment of journey allowance.**
- **Payment of displacement allowance.**
- **Providing suitable residential accommodation.**
- **Providing prescribed medical facilities.**
- **Providing protective clothing.**
