

**Return of Kashmiri pandits to valley**

2745. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of families of Kashmiri pandits who were forced to leave their homes in the Kashmir Valley as a result of mass killings by militants in the early 1990; and

(b) how many families have since returned to their permanent homes in Kashmir during the last two decades?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) Due to onset of militancy in the State of Jammu and Kashmir in early 1990s, most of the Kashmiri Pandit families including some Sikh and Muslim families migrated from the Kashmir Valley to Jammu, Delhi and other cities in different States. At present there are about 62000 registered Kashmiri migrant families in the country. About 40,000 registered Kashmiri migrant families are residing in Jammu; about 19,338 registered Kashmiri migrant families are in Delhi and about 1995 families are residing in other State.

(b) The Government of India is providing various rehabilitation facilities to the Kashmiri migrants and has announced various Packages for them from time to time. The Government announced a Comprehensive Package amounting to ₹ 1618.40 Crore in the year 2008 for the Return and Rehabilitation of the Kashmiri Migrants. The Package provides for financial assistance for purchase/construction/ repair of houses in the Valley, construction of transit accommodations, scholarship to the students, employment (Govt./ self employment), assistance for agriculture and horticulture and waiver of interest on unpaid loans etc. As a result of this package, besides one family returning to the Kashmir Valley, Government jobs have been provided to 1466 migrant youths and 469 Transit accommodations have been constructed in the Kashmir Valley.

**Action plan to control incidents of rape cases in Delhi**

†2746. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of rape cases in the Capital city of Delhi has been showing a rising trend;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with reasons therefor;

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