

**Migration of youth to cities for jobs**

4286. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has estimated the number of rural youth with undergraduate degrees who have migrated to cities for non-farm jobs;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has taken steps to ensure appropriate employment opportunities for such youth at their places of residence;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Rural Development does not maintain data on rural youth with undergraduate degrees and their migration.

(c) to (e) The Ministry of Rural Development, *inter alia*, is implementing Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) for strengthening livelihoods security, promoting self-employment and skilled wage employment in rural areas of the country. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Grameen Kaushalya Yojana, a placement linked skill development programme and a sub scheme of DAY-NRLM, is implemented for skilling of rural poor youth to improve their employability. DAY-NRLM also encourages public sector banks to set up Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs) in all the districts of the country for providing need-based training programme to prospective entrepreneurs and to also provide bank linkages with handholding of the entrepreneurs.

**Rise in BPL population post-demonetisation**

4287. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the population in the country living below the poverty line before November, 2016;

(b) whether there has been an increase in the population, which has gone below the poverty line post-demonetisation and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the people who have lost their jobs after demonetisation, State/UT-wise?