

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1424**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2021

**LAUNCH OF GARIB KALYAN ROZGAR ABHIYAAN**

1424 SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government launched Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyaan (GKRA) to provide for 23.6 lakh migrant labourers who returned to their homes in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis and lockdown in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether under this scheme, ₹18, 000 crore was given to Bihar, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether as per Rural Development Department of Bihar data, ₹7,000 crore is still to be spent and the Abhiyaan will end on October 22; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a)&(b): Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyaan (GKRA): In order to boost employment opportunity in the wake of COVID lockdown, Government of India had launched a campaign known as Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyaan (GKRA) of 125 days on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 to boost employment and livelihood opportunities for returnee migrant workers and similarly affected citizens in rural areas, in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic. The objectives of the Abhiyaan were to provide immediate employment & livelihood opportunities to the distressed, to saturate the villages with public infrastructure and creation of livelihood assets to boost the income generation activities and enhance long term livelihood opportunities by giving focus on 25 works (including works under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) in 116 selected districts across 6 States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. A total of 12 Ministries/Departments of Government of India has participated in the Abhiyaan. A total of 50.78 crore person-days employment has been generated during the Abhiyaan with a total expenditure of Rs. 39,293 crore.

(c)to(e): The activities under the Abhiyaan were carried out through the funds of respective schemes of participating Ministries. No separate fund allocation was made to States under the Abhiyaan. The terminal date of Abhiyan was 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2020.

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