



SOCIAL SECURITY AND WELFARE MEASURES FOR INTER-STATE MIGRANT WORKERS

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Introduction

In India migrant labourers are predominantly engaged in high- risk and low paying jobs. Some of their major issues are lack of social security, access to welfare entitlements, proper accommodation, standard of living, identity proof for availing State given facilities. The current pandemic has forced both the Government and the civil society members to focus on the large-scale reverse migration of them. The above topic has never been more relevant than today, when the Minimum Pay Scale has become just another issue.



Key Highlights

- The committee noted the change in the definition of the 'Inter- State Migrant Worker' to include migrant workers who migrate on their own will beside the ones who are employed through contracts.
- Under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, States/UTs combined has reported the total distribution of 111.42 LMT of the allocated food grain for the period of three months from April-June, 2020.
- Department of Food and Public Distribution on 15/05/2020 had allocated a quantity of 8 Lakh Metric Tonne of food grains for free distribution to all stranded migrants across the country.
- As a step towards better food distribution, one nation One Ration Card scheme has been implemented. As on October 1,2020, 68.6 Cr. beneficiaries were identified.
- The Department of Food and Public Distribution has been entrusted with the objective of ensuring food security. So, the department is implementing the following schemes:1. Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY) 2. Atma Nirbhar Bharat Scheme (ANBS) 3. One Nation One Ration Card Scheme (ONORC).
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare allocated an amount of Rs.15,000 crore for Covid Management, components of which included, providing care for workers in the unorganised sector and migrant labourers.
- The Committee observed the launch of Affordable Rental Housing Complexes in July 2020. This was established as a sub-sector scheme under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Urban for providing accommodation at affordable rent to migrant/poor near their workplace.
- An integrated skill management information system namely ASEEM (Aatmanirbhar Skilled Employee Mapping) has been launched on 10th July, 2020 in order to have a directory of the entire skilled workforce in the Country, including the migrant workers.
- As a result, as on 11th September, 2020 a total of 97.73 lakh skilled candidates' profiles have been uploaded, the number of candidates looking for jobs has been 5,50,808 out of which 3,19,772 candidates have been offered jobs.
- As per the ministry's definition, "ASEEM portal is a directory of skilled personnel only, and the unskilled personnel are not targeted to be onboarded on the portal".
- The Committee observed that under Jan Shikshan Sansthan scheme the Ministry had issued instructions to such Sansthans to impart training to the Migrant workers if they are interested in training in operational areas.
- As a result, 31 Districts of Uttar Pradesh have been identified for imparting vocational training to the migrant workers who had returned to their native place during Covid-19.

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