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Ministry of Home Affairs
Department of J&K Affairs

Dated the 9th November, 2015

Sub: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005- reg.

Please refer to your online RTI application dated 02.11.2015 [Registration No. MHOME/R/2015/63212] wherein you have sought information under RTI Act 2005 regarding steps taken by Government of India for rehabilitation and justice to Kashmiri migrants since 1998 and funds allocated and spent by Government in this respect. In this regard, the information available is as under:

(i) A variety of measures have been taken over the years by the Government by way of financial assistance/relief and other initiatives to provide succour and support to the affected families, within a broad policy framework that those who have migrated will eventually return to the Valley.

(ii) Under the Prime Minister's Package 2004, 5242 two room tenements were constructed in Jammu at four locations (Purkhoo, Muthi, Nagrota and Jagti) and allotted to the migrants, who were living in various one room tenements, government buildings, temples etc. in Jammu. Further, 200 flats were constructed at Sheikhpora in Budgam district and allotted on a sharing basis to those migrants, who have joined the government service under the employment component of Prime Minister's Package-2008.

(iii) The Government announced a Comprehensive Package amounting to Rs.1618.40 Crore in the year 2008 for the return and rehabilitation of the Kashmiri Migrants, which provides for many facilities for the migrants e.g. financial assistance for purchase/construction/repair of houses, construction of transit accommodation, continuation of cash relief, scholarship to students, state government jobs to 3000 Kashmiri migrants, assistance for self-employment, assistance to the agriculturists and the horticulturist and waiver of interest on unpaid loan etc. The Prime Minister's Package-2008 is being implemented by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir. So far state government jobs have been provided to 1963 migrants youths and selection of candidate for the remaining posts is in progress. One family has availed the benefit of Rs.7.5 Lakh for construction of house. Also, 469 Transit accommodations have been constructed in the Kashmir Valley and these have been allotted to the newly appointed migrant employees under the package.

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(iv) Initially in the year 1990, the J&K Govt., after registering migrant families, provided cash relief of Rs 250/- per family and free ration, which has been enhanced from time to time. The cash relief has been enhanced w.e.f 01-05-2015 to ₹2500/- per head per month (maximum Rs.10000/- per family per month) to the eligible 18,250 families living in Jammu and 3385 families in Delhi/NCR.

(v) The expenditure incurred by the Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir in respect of relief and rehabilitation of the Kashmiri Migrants is reimbursed by the Government of India under Security Related Expenditure (Return & Rehabilitation)-SRE(R&R). An assistance of approx.Rs.1578.99 crore has been provided to the Government of Jammu and Kashmir by the Central Government in this respect under SRE(R&R) since 1989-90. Itemized detail of reimbursement made by MHA in this respect to the Govt. of J&K under SRE(R&R) is tabulated below:

Assistance	Funds released (in Rs. Crore)
Cash relief assistance	1194.85
Free ration assistance	139.92
Civic amenities	23.22
Grant for Schools/ Camps	59.20
Tents	2.36
One Room Tenements	12.06
Two Room Tenements	1.65
Maintenance and improvement in infrastructure	18.83
Construction of flats in Badgam	19.22
PM's Package 2008 for return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri Migrants	107.68

2. The appellant authority in this case is Shri. Rajit Punhani, Joint Secretary (J&K), MHA, Room No. 127-A, North Block, New Delhi .


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