

SEASONAL HOSTEL

(Education for the children of migrant families)

Migration in Odisha:

- In Bolangir, Kalahandi, Nuapada and part of Bargarh districts are rain-fed single cropped areas. Seasonal Migration is a habitual practice of the region in spite of several interventions by the Govt. for their employment.
- Inter-State Migration mostly takes place to brick kilns sites of Andhra Pradesh, Telengana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Chhatisgarh etc.
- Intra-State Migration: It is seen that the families and children of Bolangir, Mayurbhanj, Ganjam, Gajpati, Nayagarh, Boudh etc. come to the urban location of Cuttack and Khordha district in the month of November and December and work in the brick kiln, construction and crusher sites
- It has extreme adverse impact on children who remain away from school during pick academic session. Migration causes loss of study slowly but surely leads to dropping out before attaining class-V-VIII. Those children are compelled to join the labour force prematurely as a child labour.

Background:

- Seasonal migration has long been practice for livelihood in rural areas.
- School going children accompany their parents to the migration sites.
- Both at source and destination (worksites), little hands and feet are invariably drawn into the labour process by the employer and dropout .
- SSA Odisha initiated action to meet the challenges by operationalising Seasonal Hostels (SHs) for children of migrant families in the source as well as destination (work site) points.
- Project Approval Board, MHRD approves the seasonal hostels in the migration prone districts i.e Bargarh, Balangir, Nuapada, Kalahandi & Mayurbhanj (Source Points) and in the destination districts of Cuttack and Khordha to retain the children of migrant families.

Objectives:

- To check the migration of the children through setting up **Seasonal Hostels (Residential) at the source pointof migration.**

- To provide elementary education to the children of migrant families in nearby schools at the **destination point (worksite)** through **Non-residential Special Training during school hour**.
- To check Dropout, Child labour and Out-of-School Children.
- To retain the migratory children in the elementary fold of education without facing any disruption during migration.

Strategy for Setting up SH:

- Identification of Migrant Children through house to house survey and need assessment of each child at source points.
- Identification of migrant children in the work sites through survey.
- Equal opportunity for boys and girls to complete their elementary education.
- Awareness campaign initiate much before the migration with the involvement of SMC and PRI members through Gramsabha, street play, wall painting, posters, hoardings, radio, TV, etc.
- Convergence with line Departments and civil societies.

Identification:

Identification of the children of migrant families is conducted through BRCC, CRCC, HM, SMC and district officials in source districts i.e. Baragarh, Bolangir, Kalahandi, mayurbhanj and Nuapada and in the destination points i.e. brick kiln sites, stone crushers/construction sites of Cuttack and Khordha district much before the starting of migration month i.e. October and November.

Awareness:

Prior to the commencement of the migration months i.e. October & November, the BRCC, CRCC, SMC, civil society and district official take necessary steps to aware the parents in the migration pockets of the concerned areas through IEC materials i.e posters, hoardings, leaflet, street play etc about the facilities of Seasonal Hostel.

Photo of above campaign



Provision of Bed and Beddings for Seasonal Hostel:

The Labour Department, Odisha has placed funds for purchase of bed and beddings to the children of migrant families staying in the Seasonal Hostels in the district of Baragarh, Bolangir, Kalahandi and Nuapada during the year 2014-15. 1160 no. of bed and beddings has been purchased by the districts and utilised by the children.

Further, the Labour Department is planning to place funds for purchase of bed and beddings during the year 2016-17.

Target and Achievement:

The District-wise target and achievement for 2016-17 is given below.

(as on 20.01.17)

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Seasonal Hostel (for the children of migrant families)							
		Residential (Source Point)				Non Residential (Worksites)			
		Target		Achievement		Target		Achievement	
		Centre	Migrant children	Centre	Migrant children	Centre	Migrant children	Centre	Migrant children
1	Bargarh	26	1250	27	1250				
2	Bolangir	110	4000	68	2399				
3	Cuttack	0	0			6	250	7	115
4	Kalahandi	14	500						
5	Khurda	0	0			8	200	11	192
6	Mayurbhanj	16	653	13	479				
7	Nuapada	67	2642	75	2629				
Total		233	9045	183	6757	14	450	18	307

Unit Cost for Seasonal Hostel:

- Residential (source point) : Rs.10,000/- per child for 6 months
- Non-Residential (worksites) : Rs.3,000/- per child for 6 months

Operational Guideline:

The guidelines for seasonal hostel have been prepared at state level and the approved guidelines have been sent to districts to follow accordingly. The seasonal hostels are set up in the migration prone areas following the guidelines.