

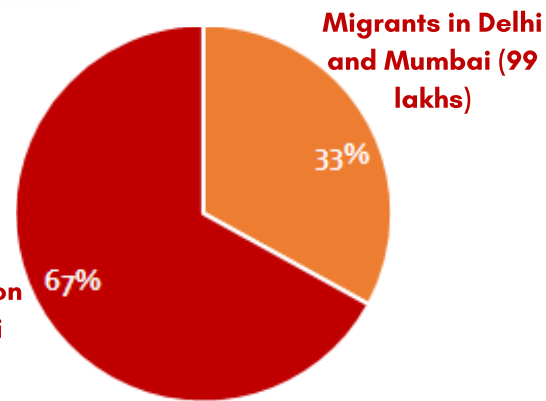
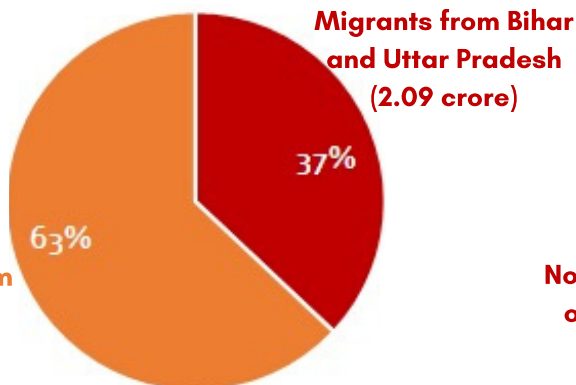
IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON MIGRANT WORKERS IN INDIA

CHALLENGES AND INTERVENTIONS

INTER-STATE MIGRATION IN INDIA

Total Population 121 crore

45.36 crore migrants

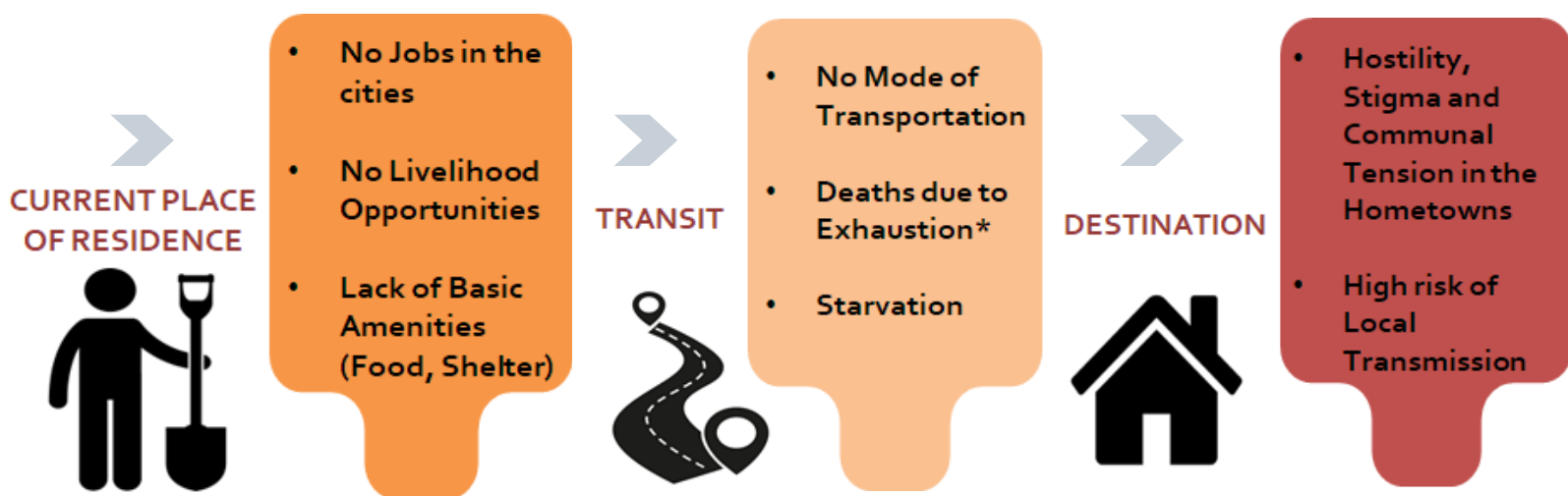


The Economic Survey of India 2017 estimates that inter-state migration in India was close to **9 million annually between 2011-2016.**

The Migrant Workers are from **Construction, Hotels, Textiles, Manufacturing, Transportation Services and Domestic Work**

Source: Census 2011 and NSS 68th Round

STAGE-WISE CHALLENGES FACED BY WORKERS



"If we stay here, what will we eat?"

- A Mother of 10 - month child,

"It is better than living here with nothing and starving to death,"

-Bablu Ehrewal, 24 (Mall Construction Worker)

"Most villagers think that anyone who has come from outside is a COVID - 19 patient,"

- Ravi Ranjan, the BDO, Dhamdaha, Purnea (Bihar)

Note: *(as report by Media, 22 deaths) <https://thewire.in/rights/coronavirus-national-lockdown-migrant-workers-dead>, accessed as on 08th April 2020

POLICY INITIATIVES BY THE GOVERNMENT

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

'Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana', relief package of **INR 1.70 lakh crore.**



Orders to State Governments to use **Building and Construction Workers Welfare Fund** to provide relief to **3.5 crore registered workers**

Revision in **State Disaster Relief Fund** rules to provide food and shelter for migrant workers.
Directive to state governments to **provide support for stranded migrants; enforcing rent freeze; banning evictions; ensuring payment of wages; enforcing government quarantine at destination states**

SOURCE STATES

STATE GOVERNMENTS

DESTINATION STATES

The Bihar Government decides to give **INR 1000** to each migrant workers and ration card holders

The Kerala Government has opened **4,603 relief camps** that have housed **1,44,145 migrant labourers**

The Uttar Pradesh Government will release **INR 1,000** each to **15 lakh daily wage labourers** and **20.3 lakh construction workers** through DBT.



The Tamil Nadu Government will provide **INR 1000** along with **15 kg rice, 1 kg dal & 1 kg oil** to unorganized sector workers.

The Odisha Government has opened **336 camps** to provide food and accommodation. Enhanced coverage of **INR 5 lakh beneficiaries** under the State Food Security Scheme

The Delhi Government announced that ration shops would sell **essential goods for free to everyone** during the lock down period and **INR 5000** to be allotted to **every construction worker** of Delhi.