

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1246
ANSWERED ON- 09/02/2024**

EMIGRAINTS FROM KERALA

1246. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether the Government has maintained any data regarding the number of people who have migrated out of Kerala to other countries, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has data regarding such overseas diaspora from Kerala who has not visited Kerala even once during the last three years, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has data regarding the number of youth who have migrated out of Kerala for studies and stayed back in those countries on stay back and work visas, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to prevent this high rate of brain drain from Kerala; and

(e) whether the Government has taken any steps for visa free arrival at Dubai and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)**

(a to e) Bureau of Immigration, MHA maintains departure and arrival data of Indians. State-wise data is not available. Some of the Indian nationals travelling abroad settle down in their country of employment. The Government perceives the reality of a global workplace, especially

in an era of knowledge economy. It has, in parallel, brought about a transformational change in its engagement with Indian diaspora. A successful, prosperous, and influential diaspora is an asset for India. The Government's efforts are also aimed at harnessing the diaspora potential to its fullest including through sharing of knowledge and expertise.

Bilateral discussions have been held with concerned UAE authorities regarding ease of travel of Indians to the UAE.
