

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1284
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INDIANS MISSING IN GULF COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of Indians have gone missing in Gulf countries who had gone there for jobs and their whereabouts are not known;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to trace them out?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a) The Indian workers reported to be missing in the Gulf countries are those who have failed to maintain contact with their families or those who have moved from one employer to another clandestinely.
- (b) A statement, giving details, is annexed.
- (c) The Indian Missions in the Gulf play a proactive role in locating these missing Indians on receipt of complaints from their families or from any other source.