

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the cases of alleged trafficking of young tribal women from North-East India to the South East Asian flesh trade market by recruiting agents on the pretext of getting them jobs as housemaids there;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has conducted any inquiry in this regard;

(d) if so,the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken against the recruiting agents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b): As per the information received from the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs,complaints are received from time to time from the Indian workers working abroad including Malaysia about illegal recruitment of Indian workers for employment abroad by unregistered/registered recruiting agents which often result in their exploitation and harassment at the hands of their employers. During the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 (upto 30.11.2008) respectively 78, 41 and 87 complaints were received regarding violation of the provisions of the Emigration Act. 1983.

(c)to (e): All the complaints received were sent by the Union Government to the State police authorities and the Protectors of Emigrants for legal action against unregistered recruiting agents.Besides 21, 07 and 34 prosecution were also sanctioned against unregistered recruiting agents during 2006, 2007 and 2008 (upto 30.11.2008) Further registration certificates of 80, 12 and 24 recruiting agents were also suspended/cancelled during the same period.The Foreign Employers against whom complaints are received are also blacklisted by placing their names in the Prior Approval Category(PAC/blacklist) on the recommendations of the Indian Mission if needed, debarring them from making further recruitment of workers from India.