

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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INDIAN WORKERS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES  
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**Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of Indians are working in overseas countries;
- (b) if so, the details of the workers including unskilled and semi-skilled, country-wise;
- (c) whether the current debt crisis would have an adverse impact on the employment and livelihood of Indians working/settled in Kuwait; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to protect the Indian population in Arab countries?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Exact details are not available. However, there are an estimated 4.5 million Indian workers in the GCC Countries. A large proportion of them are low skilled workers.

(c) & (d): No Sir, the emigration clearance granted to the workers going to Kuwait for employment has gone up to 42,091 during 2009 in comparison to 35,562 during the year 2008.