

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

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DEMANDS OF INDIAN WORKERS  
Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai

**Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether various countries have shown interest in calling for workers from India for development of their manufacturing industries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken thereon by the Government?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) to (c): Indian workers are in demand abroad in various sectors including manufacturing industries. There are about 4.5 million Indian workers in the Gulf countries apart from the large number of high-skill Indian workers in the USA, Canada, Australia and the European Union.

During 2009 about 6.10 lakh workers from India took emigration clearance to leave India for employment abroad.

The policy of the Government is to facilitate orderly and legal emigration of Indian workers, discourage illegal/irregular migration and ensure the protection and welfare of emigrants.