

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

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

- (a) whether the number of people going abroad for job is increasing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of people recruited for job in foreign countries during the last three years and the current year, year-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) to (c): Indian workers emigrate for seeking employment in all categories of work ranging from low skilled to high skilled professional jobs. Data is available only for Emigration Check Required (ECR) category of workers going abroad. This category include those workers who have not passed class ten and are emigrating to 17 notified countries. The number of such workers, emigrated to ECR countries during the last three years is given below: -

Sl. No.    Year        No. of workers

1.        2007        809453

2.        2008        848601

3.        2009        610272

4.        2010        293809  
(upto 30.06.2010)

The available data shows a slight increase in the number of emigrants during 2008 and a decline in the number of emigrants during the year 2009. The decline in the number of emigrant workers during the year 2009 may be attributed to the global economic slow down during 2008-09.