

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

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

- (a) whether some of the Indians are facing severe problems of getting financial claims from the employers in foreign countries;
- (b) the details of complaints received by the Government in this regard during the last two years, country-wise; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government to resolve such issues?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) & (b): Instances regarding problems in getting financial claims from foreign employers in foreign countries have come to notice from time to time.

Statement showing details of representations received pertaining to 6 major countries during the last two years is at Annexure. Figures include representations against foreign employers including those related to financial claims. Such complaints basically relate to non-payment/reduced payment of salaries, non-availability of promised jobs, adverse working conditions or exploitation etc.

(c): Whenever complaints from Indian emigrants facing any problem from their foreign employer, are brought to the notice of the Indian Embassy or Consulate General of India concerned, requesting for redressal of their grievances.

Immediately on receipt of a complaint, the Indian Mission/Post concerned takes up the matter with the foreign employer, as well as local authorities to settle the matter amicably. And in deserving situations, they try to get the workers repatriated by coordinating with concerned Recruiting Agents and the Protector General of Emigrants.

On the basis of recommendations made by the Indian Missions the Ministry places defaulting foreign companies in the Prior Approval Category. Such companies are no longer allowed to recruit workers from India till such time that they are not removed from the PAC List.

Presently, 386 foreign companies are in the Prior Approval Category list.