

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

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SKILL UPGRADATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Kerala has sent any action plan for central funds for the implementation of skill upgradation programme for prospective emigrants abroad in second phase;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs has been implementing a scheme for skill upgradation under which major States of origin - Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Rajasthan, West Bangal, Karnataka and Goa have been provided funding support.

In the financial year 2010-11, the Ministry decided to prepare a "skill upgradation action plan" and towards this end, sought action plans from these states. The Action Plans received from the States including Government of Kerala has been sent to the Planning Commission for inclusion of the Scheme in the Plan for allotment of funds to this Ministry to facilitate early implementation of the Scheme. The details of the action plan proposed by Kerala Government are enclosed at Annexure.