

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

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MANPOWER EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL  
Rao Shri Nama Nageswara

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

(a) whether the Government has recently set up a Manpower Export Promotion Council to cater the growing demand for qualified and skilled workers ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. However, the Government has established the Indian Council of Overseas Employment (ICOE) as a society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. The ICOE functions as a "think tank" for the Government on matters relating to international migration of Indian nationals for Overseas Employment and provides policy inputs with a view to devise and execute medium to long term strategies for promoting overseas employment of Indians.

The ICOE has a Governing Council to provide the broad policy framework to guide its programmes and activities. The Executive Directorate looks after the day to day management and implements its programmes and activities.