

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

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JOB LOSS ABROAD
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether besides global recession, there are other reasons also which have affected the jobs being offered to Indians abroad;
- (b) if so, the details of these reasons alongwith the countries; and
- (c) the measures being taken to mitigate the adverse effects of job loss by Indians in foreign countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a): The emigration of ECR workers to 17 notified countries decreased in 2009-10, mainly due to the impact of the global recession on some host countries, especially UAE, Qatar, Bahrain & Oman. Although there are many factors that affect the number of Indians recruited for jobs overseas, such as conditions in the Indian job market, the supply of various skill levels among Indian workers, etc; the main reason for the decrease in emigration in 2009-10 appears to be the global recession. Details of ECR workers emigrated in 2009 to 2010 is at Annexure.

(b) & (c): Does not arise.