

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

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INFLOW OF WORKERS FROM ABROAD
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of jobless people are coming from the Gulf due to ongoing economic recession;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken by the Government to render help to these jobless people;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal for the declaration of the projects or scheme for providing entrepreneurial loans at a low interest to these people; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) to (e) Indian Missions in the Gulf Countries in Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar have informed that there has been no report of any large scale adverse impact leading to joblessness of Indian workers because of global economic slowdown and recession, though there has been report of some job losses. The Indian Mission in United Arab Emirates (UAE) has reported that accurate figures of return of Indian workers are not available. It is estimated that ranging from 50,000 to 1,50,000 workers have returned to India as a result of the delay in execution of projects due to economic slow down and recession. They have further informed that most of the workers have returned to India on leave without pay with the expectation that they would be able to return to work in the UAE once the situation improves.

Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs and Department of Financial Services) have reported that there is no information of any scheme or project in this regard.