

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

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CENTRAL MANPOWER PROMOTION COUNCIL
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up Central Manpower Promotion Council for strengthening organizational process for employment abroad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Government has set up the Indian Council of Overseas Employment (ICOE) for the promotion of overseas employment, better protection and welfare of overseas Indian workers and for the study of emerging overseas employment opportunities. The ICOE was registered on 30th July, 2008 as a society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. It is envisaged as a "think tank" to devise and execute medium to long term strategies for promoting overseas employment of Indians.

The society has a Governing Council to provide the broad policy framework of the programmes and activities of the council in consonance with its objectives. The Executive Directorate looks after the day to day management of the society and implements the decisions of the Governing Council.