

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

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

- (a) whether job opportunities in overseas markets have declined in the recent years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether NRIs are returning to the country because of this;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to overcome its likely impact on India?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. There is a decline in the job opportunities in overseas markets in recent years because of the global recession as well as increasing localization of employment in the Gulf countries.
- (c) Centralized data is not maintained in this regard.
- (d) Not applicable in view of reply to part (b) of the Question.
- (e) To widen the destination base for skilled and semi skilled workers from India, the Ministry is concluding Human Resource Mobility Partnerships with some Member States of the European Union.