

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1427

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MIGRANT WORKERS

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

- (a) the number of migrant workers who went abroad during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the details of the service conditions of these migrant labourers; and
- (c) the guidelines of Government to regulate the service conditions of migrant labourers?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) Offices of the Protector of Emigrants under the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs grant emigration clearance to Emigration Check Required (ECR) passport holders in respect of only 17 ECR notified Countries. The number of Emigration Clearance granted to such workers during the last three years is as below:

Year	No. of Emigration Clearances
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2008	848601
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2009	610272
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2010	641356
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2011 (upto Oct.)	520187
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(b)&(c) The service conditions of migrant workers are regulated in accordance with the employment agreement stipulated in Rule 15(2) of the Emigration Rules, 1983.