

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:276

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EMPLOYMENT OF INDIANS ABROAD

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

- (a) Whether large number of Indians have rendered jobless in the gulf countries due to current economic recession and are returning to India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken by the Government to assist these people;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to announce any projects or schemes for providing entrepreneur loan at low rate of 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) The Majority of ECR (Emigration Clearance Required) category of Indian workers go for employment to Gulf countries and return after the completion of their employment contracts. The Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs does not maintain data about returnee workers.
- (b) Such information is not maintained.
- (c) At present, there is no special scheme to rehabilitate such returnee workers.
- (d) & (e) No, Sir.