

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

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MAHATMA GANDHI SURAKSHA YOJANA  
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**Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a special package for Indian workers returning to India from conflict ridden countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to start `Mahatma Gandhi Suraksha Yojana` and `Pravasi Bank` for overseas Indians; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the said schemes?

**Answer**

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

(a),(b),(c) and (d) There is no proposal to introduce a special package for Indian workers returning to India from conflict-ridden countries. There is also no plan to start a "Pravasi Bank" for Overseas Indians by the Ministry. However, the Government has launched a scheme called 'Mahatma Gandhi Pravasi Suraksha Yojana' (MGPSY) for Indian workers holding Emigration Check Required (ECR) passports and a valid work permit in an ECR country. This scheme encourages and enables Overseas Indian Workers to save for their return and resettlement and to save for their old age by providing a co-contribution from the Government. This also provides a free Life Insurance Cover against natural death during the period of coverage, under this scheme.