

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1999  
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INDIAN WORKERS ABROAD  
Ajmal Shri Badruddin

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Saudi Arabia and other gulf countries are sending back Indian workers before completion of their tenure as per work agreement;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of workers sent back to India by these countries so far; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government to protect/support these workers?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) & (b) Indian workers from Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries generally complete their tenure as per the work Agreements before they return home, unless there is a violation of Local Laws and Regulations. Our Missions continue to take appropriate steps to ensure that no injustice is done to Indian employees by employers in respect of specific cases brought to their attention. They also keep in close touch with our expatriates through 24/7 help lines, frequent interactions with the Indian community Associations and regular open houses on specified days every month with a view to ensure their welfare and well being.

(c) & (d) Not applicable.