

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

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WORKERS STRANDED IN GULF COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of Indian workers are stranded in Gulf countries;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the number of such workers, country-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Union Government to help these stranded workers ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): No, Sir. Whenever any overseas Indian worker gets stranded abroad the Indian Mission arranges repatriation in consultation with the host country Government. Workers get stranded due to loss of employment or exploitation/abuse by the employer. This Ministry has recently established Indian Community Welfare Funds at the disposal of the Indian Missions to provide support services to stranded/distressed workers.