

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

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PENSION SCHEME FOR WORKERS ABROAD
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to consider any pension scheme to domestic workers in foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal for the training of domestic workers under Government institutes;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): At present, there is no Pension Scheme for domestic workers who are employed overseas. However, Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs is considering formulating a Return and Reintegration Fund for migrant workers abroad on co-contributory basis by the workers.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs has undertaken a Skill Up gradation programme for potential emigrant workers and under the Scheme, financial assistance was given to the State Governments of major labour sending States to provide skill up gradation training in different sectors including for household sector workers.