

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

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REHABILITATION PACKAGE FOR MIGRANT INDIANS

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the number of immigrant Indians who have already returned to the country from the middle-east, Africa, etc., and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has received any request from the Government of Kerala requesting Central Assistance for Annual Interest Subsidy for implementing Comprehensive Rehabilitation Package-Self Employment investment opportunity in the State; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to provide requisite assistance to such State Governments in this regards?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS GENERAL (RETD.) SHRI V.K. SINGH

- (a) Recently, 6977 persons have been evacuated from Iraq and 3284 persons have been evacuated from Libya. However, there may be other persons who have come back to India on their own & the assessment in this regard is not feasible.
- (b) Yes, Madam.
- (c) Rehabilitation of returnees rests mainly with the State Governments. The Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA) has advised the State Governments that the existing State/ Central Sector Schemes be used for rehabilitation. Presently, the Ministry does not have any scheme for providing assistance to State Governments for rehabilitation of returnees from abroad.