

Title: Regarding rehabilitation of the people returning from the Gulf countries.

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA (MAVELIKARA): More than 15 lakh people are working in the Gulf countries. There are a large number of people who are now coming back from UAE and other Gulf countries. It is because of two reasons. One is that because of Arabisation of major departments in Arab countries, thousands of people are being thrown out of their jobs. Second, the job opportunities in the Middle East are coming down. Thousands of people -- more than 50,000 people -- have got 'exit passes' because of the general amnesty declared by the UAE Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please conclude now. At two o'clock, we have to take up the Bill.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN : Sir, I associate with him because what he says is correct.

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA :गन्ना किसानों के विषय पर आपने आधा घंटा दिया है। Let me complete this one sentence.

Thousands of people are coming out of the Gulf countries. It is the duty of the Central Government to rehabilitate these workers. The people who are coming back from these Gulf countries are all low-paid workers. The Department of NORKA, Government of Kerala, has already started some schemes. The External Affairs Ministry should come forward to help those people so that they can be rehabilitated in various departments and institutions in different parts of the country.

I request the Central Government to take appropriate steps so that these people can be rehabilitated properly in various parts of the country. Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If you want to associate, if you let me know, then I will say that you are all associating with him.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN : We want to associate with him.

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM (BADAGARA): We want to associate with him.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (MUVATTUPUZHA): Sir, I associate myself with Shri Chennithala on this issue.

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM : Sir, I also associate myself on this issue.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN : Sir, the Central Government should take immediate steps to rehabilitate these workers. ...(*Interruptions*) NORKA Cell's powers are very limited. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN : You all have associated yourselves on this issue.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Sir, I have given another notice.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Thomas, if there is time, I will call you. I have called Shri Simranjit Singh Mann now. Please take your seat.