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Title: Need for rehabilitation of Gulf returnees to India who lost their jobs due to world economic recession.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN (CHIRAYINKIL): Sir, I stand to raise a very important issue. We all know that elections are fast approaching. Thousands of people employed in Gulf countries are being retrenched and they will come back to our country. The question is that they do not have any employment. They were earning foreign exchange to the credit of our nation. These poor people, who will return to our country because of the international economic situation, may run

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in lakhs. We will find it very difficult to rehabilitate all these people. The resources of the State Government are quite inadequate to meet the requirements of the Gulf returnees. So, I would request the Central Government to intervene in the matter and see how these people can be accommodated, employed in our country. It is only just and fair that the Central Government should come to the rescue of these poor people who are thrown out of employment due to no fault of theirs. They were getting employment in Gulf countries but the Kerala Government as well as the Southern States may not be able to provide them with employment. So, because elections are coming, the Central Government may also face the same difficulty....(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Do you think they have much chance in your State?

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN: So, I would request the Central Government to take immediate steps to rehabilitate these people who are returning from the Gulf countries. I think the Government should give a serious thought to this matter and come to the rescue of these people.
