

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2480  
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2004  
LABOURERS IN CONSTRUCTION WORK ABROAD  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether some countries have shown interest in employing labourers from India particularly for their construction industry;
- (b) if so, the details of such countries and the steps proposed to be taken to send skilled/semi-skilled labourers;
- (c) the present policy of the Government in this regard and the present system of sending labourers in the international market;
- (d) the number of registered agencies engaged in sending labourers abroad, state-wise;
- (e) the number of persons sent abroad through these agencies during each of the last three years and thereafter alongwith the trades in demand in international market, State-wise;
- (f) the details of cases of exploitation of labourers by such agencies; and
- (g) the action taken/proposed to be taken against them during the said period and till date, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Countries in the Gulf and Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, etc. employ a substantial number of Indian labourers in the construction industry. Steps taken to send skilled/semi-skilled/unskilled labourers include simplification of emigration clearance procedures and expansion of the list of those who do not require emigration clearance.

(c): The present policy of the Government for emigration of Indian workers for overseas employment is regulated under provisions of the Emigration Act, 1983. There is no State-wise policy.

(d) & (e): The number of registered recruiting agencies State-wise and the number of persons who had obtained emigration clearance from eight Protectorates of Emigrants for employment abroad during last three years is given in the statement enclosed. The trade-wide data is not maintained.

(f) & (g): Complaints of exploitation by recruiting agents include over-charging, sending labourers against non-existent jobs and promising wages higher than those offered by foreign employers. As and when such complaints are received, the concerned recruiting agent is directed to settle the matter. If the recruiting agent fails to settle the complaint, action is taken to suspend and thereafter cancel the registration certificate.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (d) and (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2480 due for reply on 16.08.2004 by Kunwar Manvendra Singh regarding 'labourers in Construction Work Abroad'

Sl.No.	State	No. of registered recruiting agents	No. of emigration clearances	No. of workers who had obtained
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1.	Andhra Pradesh	94	37,331	38,417 65,971
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2.	Andaman & Nicobar	-	0	2 9
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3.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	0	0 61
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4.	Assam	-	1,575	2,666 2298
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5.	Bihar	-	9,711	19,222 17,104
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6.	Chandigarh	84	2435	2,813 2,374
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7 Chhattisgarh - - 0 588

8. Delhi 727 3183 4,018 6,513

9. Gujarat 30 10,294 11,925 17,012

10. Goa 39 2255 3,545 3,494

11. Haryana 10 154 424 1,246

12. Himachal Pradesh 2 116 1,724 1,690

13. Jammu & Kashmir 3 1366 1,323 42

14. Jharkhand - - 0 1,779

15. Karnataka 62 10095 14,061 22,641

16. Kerala 272 61548 81,950 92,044

17. Madhya Pradesh 8 5035 7,411 10,651

18. Maharashtra 1,918 22713 25,477 29,350

19. Manipur - 0 2 50

20. Meghalaya - 0 0 1

21. Mizoram - 0 0 81

22. Nagaland - 0 1 54

23. Orissa 5 3014 1,742 5,370

24. Pondichery - 21 21 24

25. Punjab 129 12422 19,638 24,963

26. Rajasthan 31 14993 23,254 37,693

27. Sikkim - 3 16 3

28. Tamil Nadu 319 61649 79,165 89,464

29. Tripura - 2 1,114 4

30. Uttar Pradesh 34 13912 19,288 24,854

31. Uttaranchal 2 - 106 122

32. West Bengal 16 4830 8,338 8,906

33. Others 7 0 0

Total 278,664 3,67,663 4,66,456