

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

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TRAINING FOR UNEDUCATED INDIANS GOING ABROAD
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide training to the illiterate and less educated people moving to foreign countries particularly to the Gulf countries for employment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds earmarked for the purpose and amount released thereunder during 2006-07, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs has formulated a scheme 'Orientation-cum- Training Programme for overseas Indian workers' in the year 2006-07 in consultation with the State Governments. Under this Scheme, the Ministry bears 75% of the expenditure on training, up to a ceiling of Rs. 1 crore per State. The aim of the scheme is to upgrade the skill level of Indian emigrants at par with the overseas market requirement and to equip them with a basic knowledge about laws, language and culture of the destination country. In the current financial year the scheme is being expanded in partnership with the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium enterprises to cover a larger number of trades.

(c): The scheme was launched on a pilot basis in five states and the total funds to the tune of Rs. 4 crore were earmarked for the purpose during 2006-07. The state-wise details of funds released are as under:

Andhra Pradesh - Rs. 50 lakh
Tamil Nadu - Rs. 1 crore
Punjab - Rs. 65.61 lakh
Kerala - Rs. 1 crore
Karnataka - Rs. 84.39 lakh