

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1996
ANSWERED ON- 12/12/2024

EXPATRIATES IN GCC COUNTRIES

1996. SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) the total number of Indians working in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries as of 31st October, 2024;
- (b) the State-wise list of Indian expatriates working in GCC countries as of 31st October, 2024; and
- (c) the total number of unskilled workers in GCC countries as of 31st October, 2024?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a to c) A large number of skilled, semi-skilled, and unskilled workers from India are employed in various sectors in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Countries. As per the latest information available with our Missions/Posts in the GCC countries, the estimated number of Indians residing in these countries is as follows:

Sr. No.	Country	Estimated number of Indians
1.	United Arab Emirates	38,90,000
2.	Saudi Arabia	26,45,302
3.	Kuwait	10,09,211
4.	Qatar	8,30,491
5.	Oman	6,64,783
6.	Bahrain	3,32,289
	Total	93,72,076

The Ministry maintains state-wise data in respect of Indian workers, holding Emigration Check Required (ECR) passports, which also includes unskilled, semiskilled and skilled workers, proceeding for overseas employment through e-Migrate portal to any of the 18 notified ECR countries, including GCC countries. The state-wise data of Emigration Clearance (EC) granted to these Indian workers till October 2024 is enclosed as **Annexure**.

State-wise Emigration Clearance (EC) data till October 2024

Sr. No.	State Name	EC count
1.	UTTAR PRADESH	1,18,375
2.	BIHAR	60,686
3.	RAJASTHAN	24,118
4.	WEST BENGAL	21,429
5.	TAMIL NADU	18,304
6.	KERALA	13,875
7.	ANDHRA PRADESH	13,488
8.	PUNJAB	10,407
9.	TELANGANA	8,313
10.	MAHARASHTRA	5,340
11.	ODISHA	4,998
12.	KARNATAKA	4,918
13.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	3,850
14.	GUJARAT	3,787
15.	JHARKHAND	3,633
16.	UTTARAKHAND	2,778
17.	ASSAM	2,594
18.	TRIPURA	935
19.	DELHI	1,289
20.	HARYANA	1,164
21.	MADHYA PRADESH	954
22.	GOA	309
23.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	328
24.	PUDUCHERRY	279
25.	CHANDIGARH	174
26.	CHHATTISGARH	107
27.	DAMAN & DIU	9
28.	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	22
29.	MANIPUR	48
30.	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	2
31.	SIKKIM	5
32.	MEGHALAYA	6
33.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	6
34.	NAGALAND	4
35.	MIZORAM	1
36.	LAKSHADWEEP	1
37.	LADAKH	2
	TOTAL	3,26,538
