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ANNUAL MIGRATION RATE OF INDIANS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

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

- (a) the updated data on the annual migration rate of Indian nationals to key destination countries, segmented by region, State and profession, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details on the contribution of overseas Indians in terms of remittances, and how does this reflect in the country's GDP, the details thereof over the last five years, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) whether measures have been adopted to incentivize skill development among Indian workers to sustain or enhance remittance contribution, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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(a) The Government does not maintain comprehensive data for migration overseas, especially as details of foreign stay and employment are not declared by all travellers at points of departure. Ministry does maintain data in respect of Indian workers, holding Emigration Check Required (ECR) passports, proceeding for overseas employment through e-Migrate portal to any of the 18 notified ECR category countries. The data regarding migration of such Indian workers to these ECR countries during the last 4 years is as below:

| Year | Number of Emigration Clearance granted |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 2024 (till 19 th November) | 3,48,629 |
| 2023 | 3,98,317 |
| 2022 | 3,73,425 |
| 2021 | 1,32,675 |
| 2020 | 94,145 |

The country-wise and the State/UT-wise data of Emigration Clearances (ECs) granted to such workers during the last 4 years are enclosed as Annexure – I and Annexure-II respectively. Majority of these workers from India are employed in the Gulf countries in construction, oil & gas, food and beverage industry, hospitality, retail, housekeeping, domestic works, warehousing and logistics, healthcare, engineering, IT, finance, farming, manufacturing, transport, port and shipping, tourism, mining, education, wholesale, retail, automobiles and domestic work.

(b) The government encourages investment by Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)/ Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs)/ Overseas Citizen of India (OCIs) in various sectors. However, the State/UT wise data is not available. As per data available on the official website of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the remittances received from overseas Indians from 2018-19 to 2023-24 are as follows:-

| Year | Inward Remittances (US \$ Million) |
|-------------|---|
| 2018-19 | 76,396 |
| 2019-20 | 83,195 |
| 2020-21 | 80,185 |
| 2021-22 | 89,127 |
| 2022-23 | 112,500 |
| 2023-24 | 124,000 (estimated) |

(c) Government of India is focused on incentivizing skill development among Indian workers abroad. The Pravasi Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PKVY) is a joint collaborative partnership between MEA and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) which is aimed at enhancing the skill set of potential emigrant workers in line with international standards. The scheme comprises of technical top-up training, involving recognition of prior learning, assessment and certification, to be provided by MSDE, through the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). A one-day training programme on soft skills, called Pre-Departure Orientation and Training (PDOT), is also imparted by MEA in collaboration with NSDC, State Governments and other stakeholders.

Country-wise Emigration Clearance (EC) data from 01-01-2021 to 19-11-2024

| Country | Number EC issued |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| SAUDI ARABIA | 5,63,813 |
| UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | 2,12,018 |
| KUWAIT | 1,64,017 |
| QATAR | 1,32,887 |
| OMAN | 94,907 |
| MALAYSIA | 33,482 |
| BAHRAIN | 31,836 |
| JORDAN | 8,982 |
| IRAQ | 6,370 |
| LEBANON | 666 |
| THAILAND | 18 |
| INDONESIA | 5 |
| SOUTH SUDAN | 2 |
| SUDAN | 2 |
| Total | 12,49,005 |

State/UT-wise Emigration Clearance (EC) data from 01-01-2021 to 19-11-2024

| Sr. No. | Name of State/UTs | Number EC issued |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. | ANDAMAN & NICOBAR | 38 |
| 2. | ANDHRA PRADESH | 55,485 |
| 3. | ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 14 |
| 4. | ASSAM | 10,167 |
| 5. | BIHAR | 2,17,335 |
| 6. | CHANDIGARH | 824 |
| 7. | CHHATTISGARH | 380 |
| 8. | DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI | 12 |
| 9. | DAMAN & DIU | 67 |
| 10. | DELHI | 4,999 |
| 11. | GOA | 1,615 |
| 12. | GUJARAT | 12,660 |
| 13. | HARYANA | 4,221 |
| 14. | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 1,347 |
| 15. | JAMMU & KASHMIR | 15,033 |
| 16. | JHARKHAND | 14,267 |
| 17. | KARNATAKA | 19,242 |
| 18. | KERALA | 60,113 |
| 19. | LADAKH | 3 |
| 20. | LAKSHADWEEP | 6 |
| 21. | MADHYA PRADESH | 3,933 |
| 22. | MAHARASHTRA | 22,812 |
| 23. | MANIPUR | 98 |
| 24. | MEGHALAYA | 32 |

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| 25. | MIZORAM | 3 |
| 26. | NAGALAND | 13 |
| 27. | ODISHA | 22,948 |
| 28. | PUDUCHERRY | 1,120 |
| 29. | PUNJAB | 39,241 |
| 30. | RAJASTHAN | 87,388 |
| 31. | SIKKIM | 14 |
| 32. | TAMIL NADU | 78,528 |
| 33. | TELANGANA | 35,505 |
| 34. | TRIPURA | 3,726 |
| 35. | UTTAR PRADESH | 4,25,851 |
| 36. | UTTARAKHAND | 11,143 |
| 37. | WEST BENGAL | 98,822 |
| | Grand Total | 12,49,005 |
