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RECRUITMENT OF INDIAN LABOURERS IN ISRAEL

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

- (a) the total number of labourers recruited from India by Israel consequent to the outbreak of Israel-Hamas conflict till date;
- (b) the details of the agreements executed with Israel regarding the recruitment of labourers;
- (c) the total number of workers to be recruited as per the agreements between India and Israel;
- (d) the number of the recruited labourers repatriated by Israel being deemed unfit for the job;
- (e) the details of Indian labourers killed or injured in Israel during the ongoing conflicts; and
- (f) the steps taken to ensure the safety of Indian labourers recruited to Israel?

ANSWER

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

(a to f) In 2022, India and Israel commenced negotiations on a bilateral framework agreement for Indian nationals to gain access to Israel through safe, orderly, regulated and legal migration. The Framework Agreement and Implementation Protocols were signed in November 2023.

Under the bilateral Framework Agreement, 6774 Indian workers had arrived in Israel for work as on 01 July 2025. This includes 6730 Indian nationals in construction sector and 44 Indian nationals employed as caregivers, based on demand raised by Israel side. In addition, as per available information, around 7000 Indian nationals have been recruited as caregivers and around 6400 Indian nationals recruited in construction sector through private channels. Out of these, around 220 Indian workers have returned to India primarily due to skill mismatch and language barriers.

During the ongoing conflict, one Indian agriculture worker was killed in an attack from Lebanon in March 2024. Three Indian nationals were injured, one in rocket fire from Gaza on 7 October 2023 and two more in an attack from Lebanon in March 2024.

Government accords the highest priority to the safety, security and well-being of Indian nationals abroad, including Indian workers. Our Embassy remains in regular touch with the Indian community in Israel and organizes frequent consular visits to ensure safety and well being of Indian workers in Israel. Indian Embassy coordinates with Israeli authorities for safety and security of Indian nationals in Israel and to ensure proper medical treatment to the injured and compensation for victims.
