

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2322
ANSWERED ON 12/03/2026

PROTECTION OF INDIAN WORKERS ABROAD

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of complaints received from Indian migrant workers regarding wage theft, contract substitution or passport confiscation during the last five years, country-wise;
- (b) the number of cases in which Indian missions were unable to secure recovery of dues;
- (c) whether any bilateral labour agreements were reviewed or suspended due to repeated violations; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for continuing deployment despite documented abuse?

ANSWER

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

(a to d) As per information available, year-wise and country-wise details of complaints received from Indian workers abroad, including those related to wage theft, contract substitution, or passport confiscation during the last five years are given in **Annexure-A**.

Government of India (GOI) has entered into several bilateral/multilateral mechanisms with key destination countries, including those in Gulf Cooperation Council Countries for safeguarding the interests of Indian workers, and redressal of their grievances. These include Labour and Manpower Cooperation Agreement, Protocol on Domestic Workers, etc. Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreements have been signed with countries like Australia, Austria, Denmark, France, Italy, Germany and the United Kingdom to facilitate safe and legal mobility of

Indian workers. Labour Mobility Agreements have also been signed with Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Mauritius, Portugal and Taiwan. There are established procedures for periodic review of these agreements in terms of Joint Working Groups (JWG) / Joint Consultative Committees (JCM) Meeting, monitoring of their implementation and also to address issues/disputes, if any.

Annexure-A

S. No.	Name of the Country	Name of the Mission /Post	Number of complaints received from Indian migrant workers relating to labour issues including wage theft, contract substitution, passport confiscation, etc.									
			Cases received	Cases resolved	Cases received	Cases resolved	Cases received	Cases resolved	Cases received	Cases resolved	Cases received	Cases resolved
			2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
1	Afghanistan	EOI, Kabul	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Albania	EOI, Tirana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
3	Algeria	EOI, Algiers	8	8	4	4	4	4	7	7	3	3
4	Angola	HCI, Luanda	12	12	10	10	12	12	8	8	8	8
5	Argentina	EOI, Buenos Aires	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Armenia	EOI, Yerevan	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2
7	Australia	HCI,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

		Canberra										
8		CGI, Melbourne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9		CGI, Sydney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10		CGI, Perth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11		CGI, Brisbane	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
12	Austria	EOI, Vienna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Azerbaijan	EOI, Baku	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Bahrain	EOI, Bahrain	335	327	612	579	711	649	603	594	345	310
15	Bangladesh	HCI, Dhaka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
16		AHCI,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

		Chittagong										
17		AHCI, Khulna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18		AHCI, Rajshahi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19		AHCI, Sylhet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Belarus	EOI, Minsk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
21	Belgium	EOI, Brussels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Belize	EOI Mexico city	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Bhutan	EOI, Thimphu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24		CGI, Phuntsh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

		oling										
25	Bolivia	EOI, La Paz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Botswana	HCI, Gaborone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Matter is subjudice.
27	Brazil	EOI, Brasilia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28		CGI, Sao Paulo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	Brunei	HCI, Brunei Darussalam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	Bulgaria	EOI, Sofia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	Burkina Faso	EOI, Ouagadougou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	Cabo	EOI,	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Verde	Praia										
33	Cambodia	EOI, Phnom Penh	0	-	44	44	145	145	454	454	640	640
34	Cameroon	HCI, Yaounde	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	74	0	0
35	Canada	HCI, Ottawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35		CGI, Toronto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36		CGI, Vancouver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
37	Chad	EOI, N'Djamena	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	Chile	EOI, Santiago	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	China	EOI,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

		Beijing										
40		CGI, Shanghai	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41		CGI, Guangzhou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
42		CGI, Hong Kong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
43	Colombia	EOI, Bogota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	Comoros	EoI, Antananarivo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45	Cote D'Ivoire	EOI, Abidjan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
46	Croatia	EOI, Zagreb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
47	Cuba	EOI, Havana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

48	Cyprus	EOI, Nicosia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
49	Czech Republic	EOI, Prague	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50	Democ. Republic of Congo	EOI, Kinshasa	0	0	0	0	20	20	50	50	33	33
51	Denmark	EoI Copenh agen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
52	Djibouti	EOI, Djibouti	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
53	Dominica n Republic	EOI, Santo Domingo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
54	Ecuador	EOI, Quito	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55	Egypt	EOI, Cairo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56	Equatoria	EOI,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0

	1 Guinea	Malabo										
57	Eritrea	EOI, Asmara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
58	Estonia	EOI, Tallinn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
59	Eswatini	HCI, Mbabane	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60	Ethiopia	EOI, Addis Ababa	6	6	8	8	14	14	73	73	54	54
61	Fiji	HCI, Suva	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
62	Finland	EOI, Helsinki	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
63	France	EOI, Paris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
64		CGI, Marseille	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65		CGI,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

		Saint Denis (Reunion Island)										
66	Gabon	HCI, Libreville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
67	Georgia	EOI, Tbilisi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
68	Germany	EOI, Berlin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
69		CGI, Frankfurt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70		CGI, Hamburg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
71		CGI, Munich	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
72	Ghana	HCI, Accra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

73	Greece	EOI, Athens	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
74	Guatemala	EOI, Guatemala City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
75	Guyana	HCI, Georgetown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
76	Hungary	EOI Budapest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
77	Iceland	EOI, Reykjavik	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
78	Indonesia	EOI, Jakarta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
79		CGI, Medan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
80		CGI, Bali	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
81	Iran	EOI,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

		Tehran										
82		CGI, Bandar Abbas	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	0
83		CGI, Zahedan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
84	Iraq	EOI, Baghdad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
85		CGI, Erbil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
86	Ireland	EOI, Dublin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
87	Israel	EOI, Tel Aviv	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
88	Italy	EOI, Rome	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
89		CGI, Milan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

90	Jamaica	HCI, Kingston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
91	Japan	EOI, Tokyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
92		CGI, Osaka Kobe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
93		CGI, Fukuoka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
94	Jordan	EOI, Amman	0	0	0	0	118	118	23	23	43	43
95	Kazakhstan	EOI, Astana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
96		ROI, Almaty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
97	Kenya	HCI, Nairobi	0	0	0	0	5	5	8	8	10	10
98		AHCI, Momba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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99	Kuwait	EOI, Kuwait	4339	2910	5660	3820	7820	4517	3728	2055	4081	2608
100	Kyrgyzstan	EOI, Bishkek	0	0	0	0	75	75	90	90	105	105
101	Lao PDR	EOI, Vientiane	25	25	81	74	252	244	590	560	1477	1487
102	Latvia	EOI, Riga	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
103	Lebanon	EOI, Beirut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
104	Liberia	EOI, Monrovia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
105	Libya	EOI, Tripoli	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
106	Lithuania	EOI, Vilnius	--	--	--	--	0	0	0	0	0	0
107	Madagascar	EOI, Antanan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

		arivo										
108	Malawi	HCI, Lilongwe	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
109	Malaysia	HCI, Kuala Lumpur	2021	2021	982	982	1648	1648	2794	2744	2532	2519
110	Maldives	HCI, Male	203	203	184	184	549	518	1190	826	855	855
111	Mali	EOI, Bamako	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
112	Malta	HCI, Malta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
113	Mauritania	EOI, Nouakchott	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
114	Mauritius	HCI, Port Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
115	Mexico	EOI, Mexico	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

		City										
116	Mongolia	EOI, Ulaanbaatar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
117	Morocco	EOI, Rabat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
118	Mozambique	HCI, Maputo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
119	Myanmar	EOI, Yangon	0	0	399	338	83	89	203	147	1863	1594
120		CGI, Mandalay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
121		CGI, Sittwe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
122	Omibia	HCI, Windhoek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
123	Nepal	EOI, Kathmandu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

124		CGI, Birgunj	5	5	2	2	1	1	7	6	15	12
125	Netherlands	EOI, The Hague	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
126	New Zealand	EOI, Wellington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
127		CGI, Auckland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
128	Niger	EOI, Niamey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
129	Nigeria	HCI, Abuja	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
130		CGI, Lagos	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
131	North Korea	EOI, Pyongyang	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
132	Norway	EOI,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

		Oslo										
133	Oman	EOI, Muscat	1401	1391	2478	1927	4281	4111	3114	3035	2345	2241
134	Pakistan	HCI, Islamab ad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
135	Palestine	ROI, Ramalla h	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
136	Panama	EOI, Panama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
137	Papua New Guinea	HCI, Port Moresb y	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
138	Paraguay	EOI, Asuncio n	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
139	Peru	EOI, Lima	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
140	Phillipine	EOI,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	s	Manila										
141	Poland	EOI, Warsaw	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
142	Portugal	EOI Lisbon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
143	Qatar	EOI, Doha	1551	1552	436	568	139	121	162	334	135	257
144	Republic of Congo	EOI, Brazzav ille	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
145	Repub. of Guinea	EOI, Conakr y	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	14
146	Romania & Moldova	EOI, Buchare st	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
147	Russia	EoI, Mosco w	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
148		CGI, St. Petersb	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	5

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149		CGI, Vladivostok	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
150		CGI, Kazan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
151		CGI, Yekaterinaburg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
152	Rwanda	HCI, Kigali	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
153	Sao Tome and Principe	EOI, Sao Tome and Principe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
154	Saudi Arabia	EOI, Riyadh	1128	1126	1947	1941	2279	2250	2223	1999	2198	1660
155		CGI, Jeddah	650	650	456	456	798	798	630	615	679	665
156	Senegal	EOI,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

		Dakar										
157	Serbia	EOI, Belgrade	1	1	5	5	3	3	12	12	34	34
158	Seychelles	HCI, Victoria, Mahe	19	19	31	31	58	58	42	42	46	46
159	Sierra Leone	EOI, Freetown	0	0	4	4	3	3	18	18	27	27
160	Singapore	HCI, Singapore	30	30	35	35	29	29	46	46	53	53
161	Slovakia	EOI, Bratislava	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
162	Slovenia	EOI, Ljubljana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
163	South Africa	HCI, Pretoria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
164		CGI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

		Johannesburg										
165		CGI Durban	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
166		CGI, Cape Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
167	South Korea	EOI, Seoul	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
168	South Sudan	EOI, Juba	5	5	4	4	3	3	5	4	4	2
169	Spain	EOI, Madrid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
170		CGI, Barcelona	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
171	Sri Lanka	HCI, Colombo	121	121	35	35	108	108	221	221	167	167
172		AHCI, Kandy	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	5	5

173		CGI, Jaffna	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
174		CGI, Hamban tota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
175	Sudan	EOI, Khartou m	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
176	Suriname	EOI, Paramar ibo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
177	Sweden	EOI, Stockho lm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
178	Switzerla nd	EOI, Berne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
179		CGI Geneva	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
180	Syria	EOI, Damasc us	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	4	2	2
181	Taiwan	India	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

		Taipei Assoc.										
182	Tajikistan	EOI, Dushanbe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
183	Tanzania	HCI, Dar-e-Salaam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
184		CGI, Zanzibar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
185	Thailand	EOI, Bangkok	14	14	0	0	0	0	7	7	0	0
186		COI, Chiang mai	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
187	Timor Leste	EOI, Dili	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
188	Togo	EOI, Lome	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
189	Trinidad	HCI,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	& Tobago	Port of Spain										
190	Tunisia	EOI, Tunis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	48
191	Turkiye	EOI, Ankara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
192		CGI, Istanbul	0	0	0	0	4	4	1	1	0	0
193	Turkmenistan	EOI, Ashgabat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
194	UAE	EOI, Abu Dhabi	755	755	779	779	528	528	387	387	411	388
195		CGI, Dubai	1972	1714	2427	2366	2928	2543	3030	2891	3727	3309
196	Uganda	HCI, Kampala	29	29	17	17	6	6	1	1	3	3
197	Ukraine	EOI, Kyiv	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

198	United Kingdom	HCI, London	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
199		CGI, Birmingham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
200		CGI, Edinburgh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
201		CGI, Manchester	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
202		CGI, Belfast	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
203	Uruguay	EOI, Buenos Aires	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
204	USA	EOI, Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
205		CGI, New York	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

206		CGI, Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
207		CGI, Atlanta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
208		CGI, Houston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
209		CGI, San Francisco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
210		CGI, Seattle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
211		CGI, Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
212	Uzbekistan	EOI, Tashkent	0	0	0	0	0	0	800	800	540	540
213	Venezuela	EOI, Caracas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
214	Vietnam	EOI,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

		Hanoi										
215		CGI, HCM City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
216	Yemen	EOI, Riyadh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
217	Zambia	HCI, Lusaka	9	9	2	1	4	2	12	11	9	8
218	Zimbabwe	EOI, Harare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
