

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1500
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2018

BLUE COLLAR WORKERS

1500. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:
SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken a decision to impart training to Blue collar workers of India to work in various countries and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has also decided no emigration without taking orientation programme on those looking for job abroad;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the purpose and usefulness of taking orientation programme by job seekers in abroad?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) As part of the Pravasi Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PKVY), a partnership between the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), the Government has commenced one day Pre-Departure Orientation Training (PDOT) programme for blue collar workers going to the Gulf region and Malaysia, that are home to a vast majority of our migrant workers.

(b) No such decision has been taken.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) PDOT is aimed at enhancing soft skills of our migrant workers in terms of culture, language, tradition and local rules and regulations of the destination country, to sensitize migrant workers about pathways to safe and legal migration and various government programmes for their welfare and protection. This assists the workers in the countries where they emigrate for work. Over 30,000 migrant workers have been imparted PDOT so far. The recruiting agents have also been asked to run similar training programmes so that all workers are trained prior to their departure.
