GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2918 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.07.2019

e-MIGRATE REGISTRATION

2918. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had made e-Migrate registration mandatory for Indian expatriates in ECR countries from January, 2019;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total number of expatriates registered so far, country wise?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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- (a) No. e-Migrate registration is mandatory only for all Emigration Check Required (ECR) passport holders going for employment to the 18 ECR countries. ECR passport holders need to take emigration clearance from the concerned Protector of Emigrants. Since the launch of e-Migrate system with effect from 26.5.2014, such clearance is to be done through the e-Migrate system. Therefore, such persons automatically get registered in the e-Migrate system. For Emigration Check Not Required (ECNR) passport holders, registration in the e-Migrate is currently voluntary.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The total number of ECR passport holders registered in the e-Migrate system, country wise are as follows:

| SI. No. | Name of Countries | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 (30.6.19) |
|------------|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|
| 1 | Afghanistan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | Bahrain | 11964 | 11516 | 9142 | 3660 |
| 3 | Indonesia | 01 | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 4 | Iraq | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | Jordan | 2742 | 2341 | 1941 | 1878 |
| 6 | Kuwait | 72384 | 56380 | 57613 | 23264 |
| 7 | Lebanon | 316 | 110 | 109 | 134 |

| TOTAL | | 520938 | 391024 | 340157 | 167058 |
|-------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 18 | Yemen | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 17 | U. A. E. | 163716 | 149962 | 112059 | 39372 |
| 16 | Thailand | 01 | 0 | 6 | 14 |
| 15 | Syria | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 14 | South Sudan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 13 | Sudan | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 12 | S. Arabia | 165355 | 78611 | 72399 | 67151 |
| 11 | Qatar | 30619 | 24759 | 34471 | 12738 |
| 10 | Oman | 63236 | 53332 | 36037 | 14434 |
| 9 | Malaysia | 10604 | 14002 | 16370 | 4413 |
| 8 | Libya | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Source: e-Migrate portal.
