

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.752  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.06.2019**

**SECURING JOBS OF INDIAN WORKERS ABROAD**

**752. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken into account the increased rate at which Gulf Arab countries are nationalising jobs which has emerged as a direct threat for Indian expatriates in the region;**
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government to ensure and secure the jobs of Indian workers in Gulf countries;**
- (c) whether the Government has analysed the import of jobs nationalisation over the job loss of Indian workers in various countries;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Government is ready to rehabilitate the people who have lost jobs in Gulf countries on this account; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]**

**(a) To increase the employment opportunities for their own citizens, GCC countries are following a policy of making it mandatory for employers to reserve a certain proportion of jobs for their own nationals. The Government of India follows the developments in this area and their impact on Indian expatriate workers.**

**(b) to (d) Such policies are not specifically directed at Indian nationals, and apply uniformly in respect of all foreign nationalities. In high level meeting with these countries, the Government of India discusses about the interests and welfare of Indian workers. Specific issues cases are suitably brought to the attention of the concerned country/countries.**

**The Government is working in close coordination with the GCC countries towards safeguarding the interests and welfare of the resident Indian workers, and extends all possible assistance to them.**

**(e) & (f) With regard to rehabilitation of workers who have returned, this issue is primarily under the purview of the State Governments. The Government stands ready to extend necessary cooperation to the States in this regard.**

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