

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
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EMPLOYMENT IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

† 1821 SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is formulating any plan for the skilled workers of the country get employment in foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the countries identified by the Government under the said plan; and
- (d) the approximate number of skilled workers likely to be supported to find employment in foreign countries during the next five years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) and (b) Sir, with the vision of facilitating gainful employment for the country's youth, leveraging the positive demographic dividend, and seizing the opportunity to cater to the ever-growing global skilled workforce requirement, MSDE has envisioned 'Skill India International (SII)'. Under the SII, two Skill India International Centers have been setup one at Varanasi and the other one at SDI, Bhubaneswar. SII is aiming to enhance global career mobility opportunities for aspiring candidates in an international benchmarked quality skills ecosystem.

Also, MSDE is leveraging its bilateral engagements with different countries to provide a framework of cooperation in areas like information exchange, standard setting, skill harmonization, recognition of qualification, etc. Through such engagements MSDE aims to ease mobility of skilled workforce from India to bilateral partners. NSDC under the aegis of MSDE has also signed Business to Business Agreements with business entities of various countries to facilitate overseas mobility of Indian skilled workforce, capacity building of trainers, employer engagements, etc.

(c) In order to ascertain skilled mobility and employment in focus countries, a study has been conducted by NSDC-International for the following 16 countries: Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Germany, Japan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Malaysia, Oman, Qatar, Romania, Singapore, Sweden, United States of America, United Arab Emirates, and United Kingdom.

Further, MSDE along with Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) and Ministry of Education (MoE) jointly organized the 1st Virtual Global Skills Summit on 15th of November 2022 with the Indian Ambassadors/High Commissioners representing Indian Missions of ten countries, namely Australia, France, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, Mauritius, Singapore, Tanzania, United Arab Emirates, and United Kingdom. In the summit the way forward to position India as a Skill Hub of the world by leveraging its demographic advantage and vibrant skill ecosystem was discussed.

(d) Sir, it is the constant endeavour of MSDE that gainful employment of Youth of the country is facilitated by strengthening the supply structures and engagement with nations where the skilled workforce requirement could be gainfully leveraged. However, the number of skilled/trained personnel who finds employment in foreign destinations is a function of sector specific demand in foreign destinations and therefore vary from sector to sector and country to country. MSDE has not engaged in any study/assessment to estimate or make projections about the number of skilled workers likely to be provided with employment aboard in the next five years.
