

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3438
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2021**

PERSONS FROM PUNJAB SETTLED IN GULF

3438. SHRI BHAGWANT MANN:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of persons from Punjab settled in Gulf and other countries during the last five years and the current year, category wise; and
- (b) the number of people from Punjab brought back during the last five years from the Gulf and other countries who have been cheated by fake agencies/agents?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

- (a) As per information available with the Ministry, an estimated 1.35 crore Indian nationals were residing in various countries, including 88 lakh in Gulf countries.

As per records available in the eMigrate platform, 70501 Indian workers from Punjab were issued Emigration clearances during the last five years. These persons were workers proceeding to the Gulf and ECR countries on job contracts valid for 2-3 years.

- (b) Government of India attaches highest priority to the safety, security and well-being of Indians in foreign countries. As per eMigrate, a total number of 417 complaints of different nature, including about fake agencies have been registered by the people of Punjab during the last five years. Timely actions are taken by the Ministry and the Missions/Posts abroad to the resolution of the reported grievances. The cases of fake agencies brought to the attention of Ministry/Missions and Posts abroad are shared with the concerned State authorities for appropriate action.
