

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2173
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2022
CHANGE IN RATE OF MIGRATION**

2173. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether migration among Indian citizens have registered any significant change over the last two years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any study to identify the change in rate of migration among Indian citizens in the post COVID-19 pandemic period; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) While a large number of Indian workers particularly in the Gulf returned to India due to COVID-19, the economic recovery in that region and their increasing openness to travel from India has now seen a return by many of them. As per the e-Migrate portal total 4,16,114 Emigration Clearance (EC) were issued for ECR countries during the period 1st January, 2020 to 20th July, 2022 as per details hereunder.

Year	2020	2021	2022 (till 20th July, 2022)
Emigration clearances issued	94145	132763	189206

(b) & (c) A study titled 'Impact of COVID-19 on India's International Migration' was conducted by the India Centre for Migration (ICM), a research think tank of the Ministry of External Affairs, in March 2021 to analyse the impact of Covid-19 on international migration from India with a focus on GCC countries. Migration trend from India to GCC countries for the year 2020, 2021 and 2022 is as follows:-

Countries/Year	2020	2021	2022
UAE	17891	10844	15325
Saudi Arabia	44316	32845	99452
Kuwait	8107	10158	33631
Qatar	8907	49579	13628
Oman	7206	19452	17967
Bahrain	4175	6382	5945
Total	90602	129260	185948
