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RAJYA SABHA
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INDIAN CITIZENS WORKING ABROAD

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Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Indian citizens working in other countries, country-wise; and
- (b) state-wise distribution of Indian citizens working abroad?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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(a) & (b) As per data available on the e-Migrate portal, country-wise data of Emigration Clearance (EC) issued for 18 ECR countries during last three years is given in Annexure - A.

State-wise distribution of ECR passport holding Indian citizens working in 18 ECR category countries, based on data available on the e-Migrate portal is given in Annexure B.

Bureau of Immigration (BoI) maintains departure and arrival data of Indians. But there is no index for specifically capturing the category of Indians going abroad for employment/work purpose. Purpose of Indians for going abroad is usually captured manually based either on their verbal disclosure or the type of visa of the destination country produced by them at the time of according immigration clearance.

The number of Indians who verbally disclosed their purpose of visit either as employment/work or produced employment/work visa of the destination country while going abroad for the period from 01.01.2020 to 27.07.2022 is as below:

| Year | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 (till 27 July) |
|--------|----------|----------|---------------------|
| Number | 7,15,770 | 8,33,845 | 13,02,240 |

**Country-wise number of India citizens who went abroad for private jobs
(data of Emigration Clearance issued for 18 ECR countries)**

| S. No. | Country | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 (till 20 July) |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|
| 1 | AFGHANISTAN | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | BAHRAIN | 4175 | 6382 | 5949 |
| 3 | INDONESIA | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 4 | IRAQ | 759 | 935 | 348 |
| 5 | JORDAN | 317 | 2386 | 1783 |
| 6 | KUWAIT | 8107 | 10158 | 33631 |
| 7 | LEBANON | 21 | 54 | 122 |
| 8 | LIBYA | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | MALAYSIA | 2435 | 36 | 1089 |
| 10 | OMAN | 7206 | 19452 | 17967 |
| 11 | QATAR | 8907 | 49579 | 13628 |
| 12 | SAUDI ARABIA | 44316 | 32845 | 99452 |
| 13 | SOUTH SUDAN | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 14 | SUDAN | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 15 | SYRIA | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 16 | THAILAND | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| 17 | UAE | 17891 | 10844 | 15235 |
| 18 | YEMEN | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grand Total | | 94145 | 132673 | 189206 |

**State/UT-wise number of India citizens who went abroad for private jobs
(data of Emigration Clearance issued for ECR countries)**

| S.No | STATE | 2020 | 2021 | Jun 2022 (upto 30 June 2022) | Total |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------|---|---------------|
| 1 | UTTAR PRADESH | 28911 | 35221 | 67240 | 131372 |
| 2 | BIHAR | 13911 | 24526 | 31081 | 69518 |
| 3 | WEST BENGAL | 7425 | 9917 | 15288 | 32630 |
| 4 | RAJASTHAN | 6126 | 11345 | 13733 | 31204 |
| 5 | TAMIL NADU | 6476 | 8830 | 10709 | 26015 |
| 6 | KERALA | 8487 | 10560 | 6255 | 25302 |
| 7 | ANDHRA PRADESH | 3882 | 5482 | 8911 | 18275 |
| 8 | PUNJAB | 3317 | 5983 | 4955 | 14255 |
| 9 | TELANGANA | 2984 | 4375 | 6042 | 13401 |
| 10 | ODISHA | 2199 | 4179 | 3181 | 9559 |
| 11 | MAHARASHTRA | 2592 | 2828 | 3444 | 8864 |
| 12 | KARNATAKA | 1476 | 2143 | 2866 | 6485 |
| 13 | JAMMU & KASHMIR | 1095 | 992 | 2717 | 4804 |
| 14 | GUJARAT | 1494 | 1583 | 1715 | 4792 |
| 15 | JHARKHAND | 831 | 1481 | 1936 | 4248 |
| 16 | UTTARAKHAND | 821 | 864 | 1818 | 3503 |
| 17 | ASSAM | 566 | 395 | 1886 | 2847 |
| 18 | DELHI | 388 | 508 | 788 | 1684 |
| 19 | HARYANA | 314 | 459 | 576 | 1349 |
| 20 | MADHYA PRADESH | 220 | 232 | 604 | 1056 |
| 21 | TRIPURA | 248 | 145 | 472 | 865 |
| 22 | GOA | 105 | 262 | 321 | 688 |
| 23 | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 115 | 145 | 214 | 474 |
| 24 | PUDUCHERRY | 75 | 123 | 168 | 366 |
| 25 | CHANDIGARH | 30 | 45 | 197 | 272 |
| 26 | CHHATTISGARH | 33 | 24 | 62 | 119 |
| 27 | DAMAN & DIU | 11 | 0 | 6 | 17 |
| 28 | MANIPUR | 4 | 9 | 4 | 17 |
| 29 | MEGHALAYA | 3 | 3 | 5 | 11 |
| 30 | ANDAMAN & NICOBAR | 2 | 0 | 5 | 7 |
| 31 | NAGALAND | 1 | 4 | 1 | 6 |
| 32 | ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 33 | SIKKIM | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| 34 | DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 35 | LAKSHADWEEP | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 36 | LADAKH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 37 | MIZORAM | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 94145 | 132673 | 189206 | 416024 |
