

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2500
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH MARCH, 2021**

UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG NRIs

2500. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of NRIs who have returned to the country who lost their employment in foreign nations, the State-wise data for the last three years;**
- (b) whether Government has put in place any scheme to enable them to find employment in the country;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether Government has implemented any unemployment insurance for their benefit; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a) to (c): With the aim of creating a database of the skilled workforce returning to the country under the Vande Bharat Mission (VBM), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in partnership with the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MCA) and the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) had launched the SWADES (Skilled Workers Arrival Database for Employment Support) initiative. Under this initiative data has been collected on the skills and experience of returning migrants. The returning citizens are required to fill up an online SWADES Skill Card, containing details related to the work sector, job title, employment and years of experience.

As on 28th February 2021, more than 30,500 citizens have registered on SWADES. The top countries where the citizens are returning are UAE, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. The top sectors are Construction, Oil & Gas, Tourism & Hospitality, Automotive, Management and Entrepreneurship & Professional. The top receiving Indian States are Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka.

For facilitating employment opportunities, details of SWADES registrations have been integrated with Skill India's ASEEM (Aatmanirbhar Skilled Employee Employer Mapping) portal. Currently, 1500+ employers are registered on ASEEM portal and have posted a demand for more than 8.5 lakh employees in India. Specific outreach for SWADES candidates is also being conducted through ASEEM with employers.

(d) & (e): The Pravasi Bharatiya Bima Yojana (PBBY) is a mandatory insurance scheme aimed at safeguarding the interests of Indian emigrant workers falling under Emigration Check Required (ECR) category going for overseas employment to ECR countries. The scheme was revised in 2017. The scheme provides an insurance cover of Rs. 10 lakhs in case of accidental death/permanent disability at an insurance premium of Rs. 275 and Rs. 375 for a period of two and three years respectively. The revised scheme has also been made compulsory for various professions falling under work categories under Section 2(o) of Emigration Act, 1983 irrespective of the passport categories. PBBY also includes global insurance coverage irrespective of employer and location, has facility for online renewal and a simplified process for certification of accidental death/permanent disability.
