

**Table 11**  
**Stock and Flows of Indian/Keralite Migrants to West Asia**

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**Table 11.1**  
**Estimate of Indian emigrants in West Asia 1979-1999**

Countries	1979	1983	1991	1999
<b>Bahrain</b>	26,000	30,000	100,000	150,000
<b>Iraq</b>	20,000	50,000	N.A	N.A
<b>Kuwait</b>	65,000	115,000	88,000	200,000
<b>Libya</b>	10,000	40,000	12,000	20,000
<b>Oman</b>	60,000	100,000	220,000	450,000
<b>Qatar</b>	30,000	40,000	75,000	100,000
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	100,000	270,000	600,000	1200,000
<b>UAE</b>	152,000	250,000	400,000	750,000
<b>Others</b>	68,000	21,000	10,000	130,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>531,000</b>	<b>916,000</b>	<b>1505,000</b>	<b>3000,000</b>

*Source: Government of India (2002), Report of the High Level Committee on the Indian Diaspora.*

**Table 11.2**  
**Estimate of Indian emigrants in West Asia 1979-1999 (Percentage share)**

Countries	1979	1983	1991	1999
<b>Bahrain</b>	4.9	3.3	6.6	5.0
<b>Iraq</b>	3.8	5.5	N.A	N.A
<b>Kuwait</b>	12.2	12.5	5.8	6.7
<b>Libya</b>	1.9	4.4	0.8	0.7
<b>Oman</b>	11.3	10.9	14.6	15.0
<b>Qatar</b>	5.6	4.4	5.0	3.3
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	18.8	29.5	39.9	40.0
<b>UAE</b>	28.6	27.3	26.6	25.0
<b>Others</b>	12.8	2.3	0.7	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

*Source: Government of India (2002), Report of the High Level Committee on the Indian Diaspora.*

**Table 11.3**  
**Percentage of Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) in the total population of West Asia in 2000**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Number of NRIs</b>	<b>Percentage of population</b>
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	21500,000	1500,000	7
<b>U.A.E</b>	2800,000	900,000	32
<b>Kuwait</b>	2200,000	287,600	13
<b>Oman</b>	2200,000	340,000	15
<b>Bahrain</b>	643,000	130,000	20
<b>Qatar</b>	525,000	125,000	24

*Source: Government of India (2002), Report of the High Level Committee on the Indian Diaspora.*

**Table 11.4**  
**Stock of Indian emigrants in West Asia in 2008**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Number of Indian emigrants ( In lakh)</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Bahrain</b>	3.1	6.3
<b>Kuwait</b>	5.8	11.8
<b>Oman</b>	5.5	11.2
<b>Qatar</b>	4.0	8.2
<b>UAE</b>	15.0	30.6
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	15.6	31.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>100.00</b>

*Source: Indian Council of Overseas Employment (2009), Impact Assessment of Global Recession on Indian Migrant Workers.*

**Table 11.5**  
**Number of workers granted emigration clearance**

Year	Number of workers ( In Lakh)	Growth (Percent)
2001	2.79	-
2002	3.68	31.9
2003	4.46	21.2
2004	4.75	6.5
2005	5.49	15.6
2006	6.77	23.3
2007	8.09	19.5
2008	8.48	4.8
2009	6.10	-28.1
2010	6.41	5.1
2011	6.27	-2.2
2012	7.47	19.1
2013	8.17	9.4
2014	8.05	-1.5

*Source: Ministry of Overseas Indian affairs, Annual Reports.*

**Table 11.6**  
**Emigration Clearance Granted to Indians for migration\*: Destination Wise**  
**(Number)**

Sl. No.	Country	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2014 (%)
1	Afghanistan	256	487	125	153	127	0.02
2	Bahrain	15101	14323	20150	17269	14220	1.77
3	Indonesia	3	22	11	38	29	0.00
4	Iraq	390	1177	917	6577	3054	0.38
5	Jordan	2562	1413	1819	1462	2133	0.28
6	Kuwait	37667	45149	55868	70072	80419	9.99
7	Lebanon	765	534	288	281	313	0.04
8	Libya	5221	477	01	293	122	0.03
9	Malaysia	20577	17947	21241	22388	22926	2.86
10	Oman	105807	73819	84384	63398	51318	6.38
11	Qatar	45752	41710	63096	78367	75935	9.43
12	S. Arabia	275172	289297	357503	354169	329937	40.99
13	Sudan	957	1175	491	144	255	0.03
14	Syria	2	118	0	10	0	0.00
15	Thailand	05	27	09	15	53	0.00
16	U. A. E	626575	138861	141138	202016	224033	27.83
17	Yemen	208	29	0	3	4	0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>641355</b>	<b>626565</b>	<b>747041</b>	<b>816655</b>	<b>804878</b>	<b>100</b>

\* The low skilled and unskilled workers require emigration clearance from the office of Protector of Emigrants for migration. Educated categories of workers do not require it. Hence this category constitute only a portion of total migrant workers from India.

Source: Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, Annual Report, 2014-15.

**Table 11.7**  
**Emigration Clearance Granted to Indians for migration: State Wise**  
**(Number)**

Sl. No	State	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2014 (%)
1	Andhra Pradesh	72220	71589	92803	103049	53104	6.60
2	Bihar	60531	71438	84078	96894	98721	12.27
3	Gujarat	8245	8369	6999	8853	7893	0.98
4	Jharkhand	3922	4287	5292	6782	7837	0.97
5	Karnataka	17295	15394	17960	17798	15054	1.87
6	Kerala	104101	86783	98178	85909	66058	8.21
7	Maharashtra	18123	16698	19259	19579	19110	2.36
8	Orissa	7344	7255	7478	10608	13046	1.62
9	Punjab	30974	31866	37472	48836	48431	6.02
10	Rajasthan	47803	42239	50295	41676	48123	5.98
11	Tamil Nadu	84510	68732	78185	83087	83202	10.34
12	Telangana	0	0	0	0	38531	4.78
13	Uttar Pradesh	140826	155301	191341	218292	229444	28.51
14	West Bengal	28900	29795	36988	41916	51561	6.41
15	Others	16562	16819	20713	33376	24763	3.08
	<b>Total</b>	<b>641356</b>	<b>626565</b>	<b>747041</b>	<b>816655</b>	<b>804878</b>	<b>100</b>

Source: Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, Annual Report, 2014-15.



**Table 11.8**  
**Estimate of the total stock of Indian and Keralite emigrants in West Asia**  
**(Number)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Indian emigrants</b>	<b>Keralite emigrants</b>
<b>1979</b>	531,000	265,500
<b>1983</b>	916,000	458,000
<b>1991</b>	1505,000	752,500
<b>1999</b>	3000,000	1500,000

*Note:* The High Level Committee on the Indian Diaspora had estimated that Keralite emigrants accounted for nearly half of the total stock of Indian emigrants in the West Asia

*Source:* Government of India (2002), Report of the High Level Committee on the Indian Diaspora.