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### TOMCOM recruits 500 for Middle-East jobs



HYDERABAD: Telangana Overseas Manpower Company (TOMCOM) on Tuesday announced that they had found employment for 500 people in the Middle-East.

This comes in the backdrop of the state government providing jobs for 250 persons in the gulf, taking the tally to 750.

Minister for labour and employment Nayini Narasimha Reddy, speaking at a conference organised by TOMCOM on safe legal migration, overseas employment, said that about three crore Indians including 10 lakh people from Telangana were working abroad.

He added that the present overseas employment market for India is facing stiff competition from countries like Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh and Myanmar. The state government had secured permission from the Union

government to hold overseas recruitment drives for nurses, lab technicians and paramedical staff, he added.

Rajiv Sharma, chief secretary to government, said, “The catchment area from where these labourers come is in districts. We need to create district units and ensure smooth migration process devoid of all problems.” Principal secretary (Home) and board member of TOMCOM, Rajiv Trivedi said that the government had been creating opportunities in the state and wished to retain its labour. “If anyone wants to go abroad, it should be out of choice and not because of circumstances. Also, there is a reverse migration happening right now,” he said.

He added that Indian-Telugu diaspora in the US had created a ‘huge’ corpus fund for the welfare of unskilled labourers going to the US, details of which would be announced by the government soon.

Trivedi said that there were 240 million migrants all over the world but there was no overriding framework on migration.

Ovais Sarmad, chief of staff at International Organisation for Migration (IOM), said that skilled labour was required in the Middle-East but qualified migrants were in demand in aging economies like Europe.