

1. There is often a perception that the Indian government gives greater importance to the more affluent sections of diaspora, consisting of businessmen and those with white collar jobs. In the light of the above statement highlight the weaknesses of India's Diaspora policy. What needs to be done to rectify them?

Answer:

- It is a perception that is being built from the nature of the NRI population living in Gulf, which includes mostly the blue-collar workers, and the West, where the population consist mostly of the White-collar managerial jobs.
- While, most of the White collar people in West live in better conditions, owing to better pay. They also live in more liberal and welcoming societies, causing less of problems to them and thus, requiring less of intervention from Indian consulates.
- Similarly, being more educated, these migrants also know their rights and are generally well aware of their social system and education system and take full advantage of them for their children and themselves.
- Whereas, migrants in west often include less educated and sometimes illiterate blue-collar workers, who are often lured by false promises through shadowy travel and employment agents and face a lot of difficulties and often slavery like conditions.
- They also face employment frauds and very often their passports are also confiscated which makes their status illegal and they are afraid to approach authorities allowing the oppressor to continue oppressing them.
- They also lacks the political rights and can't form associations and political organizations in stark contrast to their counterparts in West, such as USA and Canada, where there are large number of Indians who have successfully created an impact on politics apart from business.
- Thus, while the Indians on west appear very successful compared to the Indians in Middle east, it is largely because of the socio-political conditions of their respective countries and their own education levels, while both have received little or no support from government.
- However, it is the middle-east migrants, who have received more intervention due to frequent political crisis there. Thus, it would be wrong to say that blue-collar immigrants have received less attention than the white collar ones.
- As a policy measures there are certain areas, where government has improved a lot to address their concerns, particularly the new government has started an awareness campaign regarding NRI marriages, thug agents, lost passport cases, stranded migrants.
- The policies to rescue the people forced under slavery like conditions are much welcome and have improved the confidence of people. Similarly, on two recent visits to middle-east the Indian PM also visited the labor camps and spent a lot of time there. Such actions are a welcome steps and are in correct direction.
- Special Fund has been created to help the Indian Diaspora in distress. In the past special missions have been launched to rescue the Indian Diaspora in foreign countries.

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Answer the following Questions

1. Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) are simultaneously a remarkable success and a staggering failure, depending on the goalposts against which they are evaluated. Discuss. (150 words)
2. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) is more than just the keeper of our national accounts; it is also a conscience-keeper and a watchdog. Examine the statement in light of making the auditing process more effective. (150 words)

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