

Highlights

- It has been recorded Rs. 948,957 Million as private remittances in the year 2015.
- Foreign employment industry continued to be the largest foreign exchange earner in Sri Lanka.
- Recorded sources of foreign exchange earnings shows that migrant workers in Middle Eastern Countries remitted Rs. 512,437 Million in 2015, which was 54% of all remittances.
- Average Departures for foreign employment per day, was 721 persons during the year.
- The projected number of departures was 245,550^{*}, during the year 2015.
- The majority of total foreign employments were male participation as it was 65.56% out of total departure during the year 2015.
- The female participation for foreign employment was 34.44%, out of total departures during the year 2015.
- Total number of departures for foreign employment has been decreased by 12.4% from 300,703 in year 2014 to 263,307 in year 2015. (Male: 172,630, Female: 90,677)
- Majority of the males had been recruited as skilled levels recruitment in the year 2015 which was 45% of total male migrant workers.
- Majority of the females had been recruited as Housemaids in the year 2015 which was 81% of total female migrant workers.
- The number of registered Licensed Foreign Employment Agencies has been decreased from 1,100 agencies in the year 2014 to 1,006 agencies in year 2015.

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- Saudi Arabia, Qatar, U.A.E. and Kuwait were the major labour receiving countries that have captured over 84% of Sri Lanka labour market.
- Recruitment of male categories has been decreased by 9.2% over year 2014 while recruitment of female categories has been decreased by 17.9% over year 2014.
- Over 93% of Sri Lankan employees working abroad were in the Middle Eastern countries, during the year 2015.
- The number of job vacancies received by Licensed Foreign Employment Agencies was 356,115 in year 2015.
- The departures for foreign employment through private sources (Self-Basis) were 146,441 which was an increase by 18.2% over year 2014 while agency sources were 116,866 which was a decrease by 33.9%.
- It has been reported that Majority of recruitments for foreign employment from Colombo district. It was 31,410 in year 2015 which was a decrease by 11.9% over year 2014.
- 546 Agencies out of 1,006 valid foreign employment agencies are located in Colombo district in year 2015.
- The number of complaints received during the year 2015 was 8,366 which were 3.2% of total recruitment. However, it is noted that the complaints are received from or on behalf of the persons who have migrated in the preceding years too.
- The value of insurance claims paid to workers was Rs. 256,104,699/= in year 2015.
- Number of deaths reported during the year 2015 was 312.