

# Highlights

- Private remittances in year 2016 were Rs. 1,054,489 Million.
- Foreign employment industry continued its rank as the largest earner of foreign exchange in the Sri Lankan economy.
- Recorded sources of foreign exchange earnings shows that migrant workers in Middle East remitted Rs. 566,260 Million in 2016. It was 54% of all remittances.
- Average Departures for foreign employment per day was 664 during the year.
- During the year 2016 the projected number of departures was 233,942\*.
- The majority of total foreign employments were male participation for foreign employment. It was 66% male foreign employment out of total foreign employments during the year 2016.
- The female participation for foreign employment was 34%, out of total departures during the year 2016.
- Total number of departures for foreign employment 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 2016. It was 45% of total male migrant workers.
- Majority of the females had been recruited as Housemaids in the year 2016. It was 78.8% of total female migrant workers.
- The number of registered Licensed Foreign Employment Agencies increased from 1,006 agencies in the year 2015 up to 1,011 agencies in year 2016.
- Saudi Arabia, Qatar, U.A.E. and Kuwait were the major labour receiving countries that have captured over 80% of Sri Lanka labour market.

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- Recruitment of male categories decreased by 7.2% over year 2015 While recruitment of female categories decreased by 8.9% over year 2015.
- During the year 2016, over 90% of Sri Lankan employees working abroad were in the Middle Eastern countries.
- The number of job vacancies received by Licensed Foreign Employment Agencies was 275,634 in year 2016.
- The departures for foreign employment through private sources (Self-Basis) were 154,766 and it was an increase by 5.5% over year 2015 while agency sources were 88,164 and it was a decrease by 24.5%.
- Majority of recruitments for foreign employment was reported from Colombo district. It was 31,770 in year 2016 and was a increase by 1% over year 2015.
- 518 Agencies out of 1,011 valid foreign employment agencies are located in Colombo district in year 2016.
- The number of complaints received during the year 2016 was 6,438 and it was 2.6% of total recruitment. However, it is notable 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. 180,956,688 in year 2016.
- Number of deaths reported during the year 2016 was 296.