

# Highlights

Private remittances in year 2017 were Rs. 1,091,972 Million.

Foreign employment industry continued its rank as the second 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. 565,542 Million in 2017. It was 52% of all remittances.

Average Departures for foreign employment per day was 581 during the year.

During the year 2017 the projected number of departures was 201,911\*.

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 2017.

The female participation for foreign employment was 34%, out of total departures during the year 2017.

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 2017. It was 47% of total male migrant workers.

The number of registered Licensed Foreign Employment Agencies decreased from 1,011 agencies in the year 2016 up to 960 agencies in year 2017.

Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and U.A.E. were the major labour receiving countries that have captured over 79% of Sri Lanka labour market.

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○ Recruitment of male categories decreased by 13% over year 2016 While recruitment of female categories decreased by 12% over year 2016.

○ During the year 2017, 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 316,334 in year 2017.

○ The departures for foreign employment through private sources (Self-Basis) were 143,598 and it was a decrease by 7% over year 2016 while agency sources were 68,564 and it also was a decrease by 22%.

○ Majority of recruitments for foreign employment was reported from Colombo district. It was 27,822 in year 2017 and was a decrease by 12.4% over year 2016.

○ 490 Agencies out of 960 valid foreign employment agencies are located in Colombo district in year 2017.

○ The number of complaints received during the year 2017 was 4,617 and it was 2.2% 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. 260,550,000 in year 2017.

○ Number of deaths reported during the year 2017 was 291.