

**Question for written answer E-000394/2018  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Migrant workers in Nepal

NGO reports have revealed that recruitment agencies are trapping Nepali migrant workers in a vicious cycle of debt and exploitation, by charging excessive, illegal fees for jobs abroad. Obligated to resort to loans to pay the huge fees that recruitment agencies charge them to work abroad, they are saddled with such high debts that they have no choice but to stay in jobs that are often low-paid or dangerous.

Does the VP/HR plan to hold talks with the Government of Nepal in order to ensure that such cases in the recruitment industry are thoroughly investigated, that exploitative recruitment is prevented and that migrant workers are protected?