

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Non-Resident Indians Day Conference will be held in India in January 2005;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the issues likely to be discussed in the said Conference;
- (c) whether the Government has taken a decision to provide subsidy to NRIs in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the amount likely to be spent on subsidy for the said purpose;
- (e) whether any request has been received by the Government to celebrate Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas Celebration in Kochi, Kerala in 2006; and
- (f) if so, the response of the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER)

a) & b) The Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas will be held from 7- 9 January 2005 in Mumbai. It aims at deepening the engagement between India and its Diaspora through focused activities across sectors. The main focus of the PBD 2005 will be on new initiatives for the Diaspora, youth participation and business networking, Education, Knowledge-based Industry, Science & Technology, Healthcare, Voluntary Sector and Social Development, Ethnic Media & Entertainment, NRIs in the Gulf, Finance, Culture & Tourism.

c) & d) Question does not arise as the event is being organized by the Government of India in collaboration with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

e) No.

f) Question does not arise.