

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

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CENSUS OF OVERSEAS INDIANS

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

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any census on the Overseas Indian population;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is considering any programme where the advice/expertise of Overseas Indians can be used; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

a) No, Sir.

b) Question does not arise.

c) Yes, Sir.

d) Government has launched a website <http://stio.nic.in> for interactive exchanges with the scientists and technologists of Indian origin, with a view to assist them in their endeavour to play a role in the national development.