

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5136  
ANSWERED ON:30.04.2008  
STATUS OF PRAVASI BHARTIYA KENDRA  
Kaushal Shri Raghuvir Singh

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

- (a) the details of the progress made in respect of "Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra" proposed in 2004;
- (b) the details of the amount sanctioned and spent so far for the purpose; and
- (c) the time by which the said Kendra is likely to start functioning?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS(SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) to (c): The land for construction of Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra(PBK) has been procured and registered. National Building Construction Corporation Ltd. (NBCC) has been appointed as Consultant and Project Manager for the PBK to carry out the project on turnkey basis from its concept to completion. The concept design and model of the Kendra has been approved. So far the expenditure incurred is Rs.55 Lakhs towards the cost of land since construction is yet to commence. The construction is expected to commence in the current financial year as soon as the approvals for the building plans are received from the civic authorities and the Delhi Urban Arts Commission. The building is expected to be ready before the commencement of the ensuing Commonwealth Games in October, 2010.