

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1774  
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ISSUANCE OF SMART CARD FOR NRIs  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is planning to issue Smart Cards in place of Citizenship Identity Cards to NRIs;
- (b) if so, the reasons that have compelled the Government to take such a decision;
- (c) whether the issue of Smart Cards is likely to help the NRIs to enjoy better facilities; and
- (d) if so, the details of such facilities and the extent to which the said card is likely to help the investment sector?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)to(d): The process of registration of Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) in a simplified form and the benefits that would be given to them is under consideration.