

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

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PRAVASI BHARTIYA SAMMAN
Gawali Smt. Bhavana Pundlikrao

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

- (a) the number of delegates who attended the Third Pravasi Bhartiya Divas on January 7, 2005 from various countries ;
- (b) the number of NRIs who were awarded with 'Pravasi Bhartiya Samman' on the occasion ; and
- (c) the contribution made by them ?

Answer

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

(a) 3061 delegates attended the third Pravasi Bharatiya Divas consisting of 1726 overseas delegates from 63 countries and 1335 from India.

(b & c) The overseas Indians who were conferred the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards this year, their countries and the fields of their contribution is as follows :

1. Shri M. Arunachalam, Hong Kong Business
2. Prof. Jagdish Bhagwati, USA Economics
3. Ms. Amina Cachalia, South Africa Public Affairs
4. Sir (Dr.) J K Chande , Tanzania Public Affairs
5. Prof. Alokeranjan Dasgupta, Germany Literature
6. Shri Ahmed Kathrada, South Africa Public Affairs
7. Prof. Sunil Khilnani, USA Political Science
8. Shri Basdeo Panday, Trinidad and Tobago Public Affairs
9. Lord Bhikhu Chhotahal Parekh, UK Political Studies
10. Dr. Sam Pitroda, USA Technology
11. Shri Vikram Seth, UK Literature
12. Shri Manoj Night Shyamalan, USA Cinema
13. Shri Vijay Singh, Fiji Sports
14. Dr. Sant Singh Virmani, Philippines Agriculture Science
15. Shri Yusuffali M.A., USA Business