

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3064  
ANSWERED ON:23.03.2005  
TRACING OF ROOTS BY NRIs  
Rawale Shri Mohan

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

(a) Whether any of the Pravasis, particularly those whose ancestors left India as indentured labourers centuries ago, have evinced a great yearning to trace their roots ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to assist them in this regard ?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A sectoral session was held on `Tracing the Roots` during the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2005. Certain suggestions emanating from the session are under examination of the Government of India.