

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

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. SETTING UP OF PIO NRI UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of setting up of PIO/NRI University at Bangaluru;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up some more such universities in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the locations identified for the purpose; and
- (d) the time by which these universities are likely to be established?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a): As per recommendations of the Advisory Board constituted to evaluate the Detailed Project Report (DPR) submitted by the Manipal Academy of Higher Education Trust (MAHET), work is underway to draft a Bill providing a regulatory framework and the establishment of an empowered authority to licence the setting up of PIO/NRI universities in India.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d): In response to advertisements published by the Ministry in February and June 2009 calling of Expressions of Interest (EOIs) to set up four more PIO/NRI Universities in different cities in India other than Banguluru, 59 proposals have been received. Specific location for those few PIO/NRI Universities have not been identified nor has any time-frame been set for their establishment.