

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

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. STATUS OF INDIA DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

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

- (a) the status of India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to launch more such policies to connect with the Diaspora;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians is a not-for-profit trust registered by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, Government of India to provide a credible window for Overseas Indian Philanthropy in India's Social development. The objective of the foundation is to facilitate philanthropic activities by Overseas Indians. The First meeting of the Board of Trustees of India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians was held on 4th November 2009.

(b) to (d): To connect with the diaspora the Ministry has already launched the following:

(i) Overseas Indian Facilitation Center (OIFC) as a not-for-profit-trust, in partnership with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for Investment Facilitation and Knowledge Networking.

(ii) Global Indian Network of Knowledge (Global INK) an electronic platform that will connect people of Indian Origin from a variety of disciplines, recognized as leaders in their respective fields, not just in their country of residence but globally as well.

(iii) India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians

(iv) Prime Minister's Global Advisory Council of Overseas Indians.