

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

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

- (a) the details of the progress made in respect of Indian Facilitation Centres proposed in the year 2004;
- (b) the details of funds sanctioned and spent so far for said purpose; and
- (c) the time by which these Centres are likely to become operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) to (c): The setting up of Overseas Indian Centres have been approved by the Government for Abu Dhabi, Washington and Malaysia. The Overseas Indian Centres in Washington and Abu Dhabi had started functioning from February, 2009 and May, 2009 respectively. In Malaysia, the work is being looked after by the High Commission. The allocation of funds is made in the Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs.

The year-wise allocation of funds is as under:

2008-09 Rs. 50 lakhs

2009-2010 Rs. 200 lakhs