

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

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SCHEMES FOR NRIS AND PIOS
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of schemes being run for Non-Resident Indians and Person of Indian Origin citizens in different countries;
- (b) whether any get-together programme for them is organised in Embassies;
- (c) if so, the names of the countries where such programmes are organised; and
- (d) the names of the festivals which are organised in the Embassies for the said purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a): The Ministry operates the following Schemes for NRIs/PIOs, besides organizing an annual conference, Pravasi Bharatiya Divas on 7-9 January each year:

- (i) Overseas Citizenship of India
- (ii) Know India Programme
- (iii) Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children.
- (iv) Scheme for giving legal/financial assistance to women deserted by their overseas Indian spouses.
- (v) Indian Community Welfare Fund

(b) to (d): On the occasion of Independence day and Republic day the missions invite the Overseas Indian Community Members for a get together.