

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

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SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR DIASPORA CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of scholarships given during the last three years under Scholarship Scheme for Diaspora Children, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of beneficiaries under this scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the expected fiscal allocation for this purpose; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): Details of the number of scholarships given during the last three years are as follows:

Year	No. of scholarships
2007-08	78
2008-09	64
2009-10	70

Data indicating State-wise break-up of the scholars is not maintained.

(b): There is no proposal under consideration to increase the number of Scholarships under the Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC).

(c): Does not arise.

(d): The total number of scholarships offered to Diaspora Children under SPDC is 100 per annum.