

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

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PIO/NRI UNIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal for setting up of four more PIO/NRI universities in different cities in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government to such proposals;
- (c) whether the Government has set any time frame for the first PIO/NRI university in Bangalore to be operational; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) to (d) : An Advisory Board constituted to evaluate the detailed project report on establishment of NRI/PIO university by Manipal Academy of Higher Education Trust (MAHET) at Bengaluru, Karnataka has recommended setting up of NRI/PIO university under an Act of Parliament. A draft bill is under consideration of this Ministry. After the said bill is passed by the parliament, the process of setting up of NRI/PIO university will be set in motion.