

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

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SPECIAL SCHEME FOR NRIs

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken measures to attract PIOs and NRIs to invest in India during the last three years and in future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the ways and means by which investment from the above category of people has been encouraged, sector-wise and State-wise; and
- (c) the details of the number of families from Rajasthan residing in other countries who have not been issued non-resident Indian citizen card?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry has formed an organization, namely Overseas Indian Facilitation Centre (OIFC) in 2007, to attract potential PIO and NRI investors in the country. OIFC has organized eleven Investment and Interactive Meets, Road shows in different countries and also organized 'Market Place' during Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD) in India. An electronic portal has also been launched by the Ministry to reply the queries of potential overseas investors by OIFC and its knowledge partners to promote and facilitate economic engagement by overseas Indians.

(c) State-wise information is not available since the Indian Missions, who grant OCI cards, do report the State of origin of the persons.