

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

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OCI AND PIO CARDS
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to allow visa free travel, right of residency, participation in business and other activities to Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) and Person of Indian Origin (PIO) card holders; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS(SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) & (b) Government of India is issuing Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) cards to the Persons of Indian Origin. The facilities available under these two schemes and details thereof are at Annexure-A and B respectively.