

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

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UTILISATION OF EXPERTISE OF OVERSEAS INDIANS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to utilize the expertise of the overseas Indian community for national development;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry has launched a new initiative to develop a Diaspora Knowledge Network called – Global Indian Network of Knowledge (Global INK). This will serve as a Knowledge Bank. The Global INK, an electronic platform will connect people of Indian Origin from a variety of disciplines recognized as leaders in their respective fields, not just in their country of residence but globally as well, with knowledge users at the national and sub national levels in India. The network will serve as a strategic 'virtual think tank'. The Outcome targeted will be the germination of ideas on development, identification of the key elements in addressing the challenges to development and articulation and mapping out solutions through innovations and technological interventions.

(c) The Global INK Portal is currently under development. It will serve as a Knowledge transfer platform and will catalyse development of the knowledge, expertise and skills of Overseas Indians in India's development effort.