

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

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SCHEMES FOR NRIS AND PTOS  
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**Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of schemes being run for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) citizen in different countries;
- (b) whether any get-together programme for them is organised in Embassies;
- (c) if so, the names of the countries where such programmes are organised; and
- (d) the names of the festivals which are organised in the Embassies for the said purpose?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a): The Ministry is engaged in several initiatives with Overseas Indians (PIOs and NRIs) in promotion of trade and investment, emigration, education, culture, health and science and technology among others. Given the region and country specific ethos and expectations of the diasporas, this Ministry has policies, programmes and schemes that seek to meet the varied expectations and needs of the diverse Overseas Indian Community under the following heads:

- # Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI)
- # Awareness Campaign on the risks of illegal migration
- # Pravasi Bharatiya Divas
- # Know India Programme
- # Pravasi Bharatiya Bima Yojana
- # Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra
- # Tracing the Roots
- # Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC)
- # Overseas Indian Facilitation Centre
- # Overseas Workers Resources Centre
- # India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians
- # E-governance in Emigration
- # Indian Community Welfare Fund

(b): Yes Sir.

(c) & (d): In all Indian Missions / Posts abroad, many cultural programmes and get-together functions are organised on New Year Day, Republic Day, Independence Day and Gandhi Jayanthi, Communal Harmony Day besides, Indian Festivals. Many NRIs, PIOs and members of Overseas Indian Associations are invited. Indian Missions/Posts pro-actively extend co-operation and encouragement to Indian Community based associations for celebration of festivals and cultural and literary programmes.