

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

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

- (a) the number of Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Cards issued till date;
- (b) the number of applications pending before the Government for issue of OCI Cards, country-wise; and
- (c) the time by which these applicants would be issued OCI Cards?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) The number of OCI Cards issued till 25th November, 2011 is 9,76,472.

(b)&(c) The OCI Cell in the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs is entrusted with printing of OCI Cards and U-Visa Stickers with logistical support from National Informatics Centre Services Incorporated (NICSI) based on online data received from Indian Missions/Posts abroad/Ministry of Home Affairs, Foreigner Regional Registration Offices (FRROs). Normally OCI Cards are issued within the stipulated period of one month. As on the 25th November, 2011 nothing is pending with the MOIA with regard to the printing of OCI Cards.