

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the mismanagement of 10th Pravasi Bhartiya Sammelan held in Jaipur in the beginning of 2012;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to take steps to check the recurrence of such incidents;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the 10th Pravasi Bhartiya Sammelan held in Jaipur achieved its objectives;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Ministry has received copy of a letter addressed to the Hon'ble Prime Minister by the Hon'ble Member of Parliament on certain deficiencies observed by him during Pravasi Bharatiya Divas-2012. This included inadequate seating capacity at the main venue, deployment of non-English speaking drivers at the airport to receive the delegates, overcrowding at the Cultural Evening/dinner organized by the Govt of Rajasthan on 8th January,2012 etc.

(c)&(d) Yes. The suggestions made by the Hon'ble MP have been noted.

(e)&(f) The 10th Pravasi Bharatiya Sammelan held in Jaipur was successful in its objectives of connecting India to the vast Indian Diaspora and bringing their knowledge and expertise on a common platform. A record number of persons of Indian origin participated in the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas-2012. The event was acclaimed as a grand success both for its organizational aspects and substantive aspects, as also for the choice of speakers and topicality of the themes chosen for deliberations at its various sessions.

(g) Not Applicable