

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

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PRAVASI BHARATIYA DIVAS
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has held Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Conclave in 2012; and
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam. The Ministry organized the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention in partnership with the Government of Rajasthan at Jaipur from Jan 7-9, 2012.

(b) The following seminars were conducted during the PBD-2012.

(i) Solar Energy: Investment & Research and Development.

(ii) Management of Water for Future

(iii) Health

Cocurrent sessions:

(i) Enhancing Rural Energy Access,

(ii) Diaspora and Development: Town Hall on Youth Connectivity,

(iii) Session on Gulf and

(iv) Conclave on Gender

Plenaries on

(i) "Two Decades of Economic Liberalization",

(ii) "Business Session on Partnering for Prosperity",

(iii) "Shared Connectivities: Message of the Mahatma",

(iv) "Global Indian: State Initiatives and Opportunities"

The 10th Pravasi Bharatiya Sammelan held in Jaipur was a complete success with a record participation of 2014 delegates. It achieved its objectives of connecting India and the vast Indian Diaspora with each other and bringing their knowledge and expertise on a common platform. The event was acclaimed as a grand success both for its organizational and substantive aspects, as also for the choice of speakers and the topicality of the themes chosen for deliberations at its various sessions