

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

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AWARDS FOR LITERARY ACHIEVEMENTS
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the overseas Indian writers who got international awards during the last three years and the current year, year and language-wise; and

(b) the details of non-resident literary personalities honoured by the Government during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) No such information is available with Government.

(b) This Ministry do not confer any award exclusively for literary achievements. However, Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (PBSA) is the highest honour conferred on overseas Indians. During the period 2009-2012, 58 awards were given to Overseas Indians as stated below:

Year Number of recipients

2009 13

2010 15

2011 15

2012 15

Out of above 58 awards given from 2009-2012 no award was given for literary achievements. Most of the awards were given for Community Service, Public Service, Business, Philanthropy, Medicine, Science, Arts, History and Management.