

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

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FORGING TRAVEL DOCUMENTS TO GET EMIGRATION CLEARANCES

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

- (a) whether as per the report of CBI a full-fledged industry of forging travel documents to get emigration clearances is thriving in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the agency has recommended a change in the system to reduce this menace to control organized corruption; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, along with action plan of the Government to control this menace ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Following the recent CBI raid of the office of the Protector of Emigrants (PoE), Chennai, the agency has reported forging of documents by some Recruiting Agents (RAs) to seek emigration clearance in collusion with the officials of the PoE offices.

(c) & (d): The agency emphasised the need for a relook at the entire system of Protectors of Emigrants. The Ministry has already initiated action to revamp the system by proposing a new legislation.