

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

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PRAVASI BHARTIYA SAMMELAN
Reddy Shri Anantha Venkatarami

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

- (a) whether Pravasi Bhartiya Sammelan is held every year;
- (b) if so, the details of the Sammelan last held;
- (c) whether the decisions taken therein have been implemented;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the likely date and venue of the next Sammelan ?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The 7th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention was held at the Chennai Trade Centre, Chennai from 7-9 January, 2009. Tamil Nadu was the Partner State and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) was the institutional partner. It was inaugurated by the Prime Minister on 08.01.2009 and the valedictory address was delivered by the Hon'ble President on 09.01.2009. The President also conferred the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award on 13 distinguished PIOs/NRIs. H.E. Mr. Ramdien Sardjoe, the Vice President of Suriname was the Chief Guest.

(c) & (d): Decisions taken by the Government as a result of wider consultations held at the PBD Conventions in the past include the establishment of Overseas Indian Facilitation Centre, conceptualisation of PIO University, formation of Prime Minister's Global Advisory Council of People of Indian Origin, setting up of the India Development Foundation and launching of The Global Indian Network of Knowledge (Global-INK).

(e): The next Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention is scheduled to be held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 07-09 January 2010.