

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

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PROTECTION OF NRI S PROPERTY
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Non Resident Indians have requested the Government for protection of their properties and investments in India;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken by the Government for the protection of properties and investments of such NRIs in the country ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Non Resident Indians and Persons of Indian origin residing abroad (PIO) seek the intervention of Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA) to secure their rights and interests in the properties owned (acquired or inherited) by them, particularly when they apprehend to be cheated or dispossessed of such property by fraudulent means. Their requests often relate to illegal occupation of land/ flat/apartment/house etc. by unscrupulous persons, delayed handing over of the promised flats/apartments by builders/realtors/property dealers, delay in the settlement of related court cases etc .

(c): (i) At the instance of MOIA, Special NRI cells have been created by many state governments' which have substantial diaspora population, to address their concerns.

(ii) The requests received from NRIs/PIOs by this Ministry are forwarded to the concerned State Governments for appropriate action.

(iii) State Governments, intervention to address such complaints are sought at the annual consultation meetings held.

(iv) A seminar to discuss the property related issues of NRIs/PIOs is being organized during the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) – 2010 convention at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on 7th January 2010. Discussions would cover the role of different government agencies/private enterprises, measures to prevent such disputes including speedy disposal by way of setting up of fast track courts etc.