

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

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APPLICATIONS FOR PIO AND OCI CARD  
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**Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is an increase in the receipt of applications for Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) Card;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the number of applications for OCI and PIO Card cleared and the number which are pending?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A total number of OCI documents issued till October 2009 are given below:

2005 : 291  
2006 : 86,340  
2007 : 1,12,500  
2008 : 1,58,855  
2009 : 1,40,916

All matters relating to PIO cards are under the purview of the Ministry of Home Affairs. However, Indian Missions/Posts in USA, UK, Canada, Germany, France, Denmark etc. have reported increase in receipt of PIO card applications.

(c) Since the introduction of the OCI Scheme in December 2005 a total number of 4,98,902 OCI documents have been issued till 31st October, 2009. As per information available from Indian Missions/Posts abroad and MHA, about 10763 OCI applications are at various stages of processing including applications incomplete and returned for various reasons. The exact number of PIO cards issued world wide is not available. However, as per information from Indian Missions/Posts abroad about 948 PIO card applications are pending at various stages of processing.