

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

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DATA BANK OF NRIS  
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**Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to build a data bank of NRIs;and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry maintains a data base of over 5 lakhs registered Overseas Citizens of India. The Ministry also has a data base of delegates who attend the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Conventions annually, apart from data base of around 400 overseas Indian associations. However, no census has been carried out.