

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:588
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GLOBAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Jindal Shri Naveen

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

- (a) whether a Global Advisory Council has been constituted;
- (b) if so, the composition thereof;
- (c) the main functions of the Council;
- (d) whether the Council has held any meeting and made any recommendations; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Composition of Council:

1. Prime Minister
2. Minister of External Affairs
3. Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs
4. Principal Secretary to Prime Minister
5. Secretary, Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs
6. Dr. Amartya Sen
7. Prof. Jagdish Bhagwati
8. Sh. Karan F. Bilimoria
9. Shri Swadesh Chatterjee
10. Ms. Ela Gandhi
11. Shri Rajat K. Gupta

12. Lord Khalid Hameed
13. Dr. Renu Khator
14. Shri Kishore Mahbubani
15. Shri P.N.C. Menon
16. Shri L.N. Mittal
17. Ms. Indra K. Nooyi
18. Shri Vikram Pandit
19. Shri C. K. Prahalad
20. Shri Bhiku Chotalal Parekh
21. Shri Sam Pitroda
22. Tan Sri Dato' Ajit Singh
23. Mr. Neville Joseph Roach
24. Prof. Srinivasa SR Varadhan
25. Shri Yusuffali M.A.

Special Invitees:

- (i) Finance Secretary
- (ii) Foreign Secretary

(c) Functions of the Council:

- (i) Serve as a platform for the Prime Minister to draw upon the experience, knowledge and wisdom of the best Indian minds wherever they may be based;
 - (ii) Develop an inclusive agenda for two-way engagement between India and Overseas Indians;
 - (iii) Consider ways and means for accessing the skills and knowledge of the Indian Diaspora for meeting India's development goals and facilitating investments by Overseas Indians into India; and
 - (iv) Institution and capacity building in India to respond to the economic, social and cultural needs of the Overseas Indian community.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.