

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

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Overseas Indian Centre

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

- (a) whether Government has established Overseas Indian Facilitation Centres (OIFC) in the country and if so, the purpose thereof;
- (b) the number of such facilitation centre for the NRI that are functioning in the country and whether Government is planning to set up more such centres;
- (c) whether the centres that are functioning currently are able to solve the problems faced by the Indian living in different countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether these centres are monitored regularly by any organisation or any higher officials directly, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS

GENERAL V.K. SINGH (RETD.)

- (a) In May 2007 the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs setup the Overseas Indian Facilitation Centre (OIFC) with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), to facilitate and strengthen economic engagement with overseas Indians.
- (b) There is only one OIFC in Gurgaon, Haryana. The Government is not planning to set up more such centres.
- (c) & (d) OIFC is focussed on strengthening economic engagement of overseas Indians with India; advising them on their investment related queries; facilitating their business partnerships and projecting to them the investment opportunities in India.
- (e) OIFC is working in close coordination with the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA) with Secretary, MOIA being chairman of the organisation. The Governing Council of OIFC, which includes senior officers of four Ministries as ex-officio members, provides guidance to OIFC on its strategy and activities.