

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4029  
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PRAVASI BHARATIYA DIVAS  
Meghwal Shri Arjun Ram

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring in certain changes in the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) celebrations to make it more significant and beneficial to overseas Indians; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS GENERAL V.K. SINGH (RETD.)

(a) and (b): It has been decided to hold the 14th edition of Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. 2015 being the 100th anniversary of return of Mahatma Gandhi, the Greatest Pravasi. It has been decided to celebrate the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD), 2015 in a befitting manner. Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD) Conventions provide the largest platform to Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) and Non Resident Indians (NRIs) for exchange of views and networking on matters of common interest. Continuous efforts are taken to make it more significant and beneficial to them.