

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1659  
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DATABASE OF NRIS  
Sampath Shri Anirudhan

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

- (a) whether the Government has any correct database regarding the overseas Indians;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise/ UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to seek the assistance of local associations/organisations of Indians to gather the data; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): A data base of number of Indian diaspora is maintained on the basis of inputs from the Indian Missions/ Posts abroad. The data is maintained country-wise and not state/UT wise. The Indian Missions/Posts are the normal channel for compilation of database of the overseas Indians as they have access to official figures of emigrant population and are in touch with all sections of overseas Indian communities including associations of overseas Indians.