

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2441
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2004
COMMITTEE ON NRIs
Shukla Smt. Karuna

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

- (a) whether the Government had constituted a Committee on N.R.Is under the Chairmanship of Shri L.N. Singhvi ;
- (b) if so, whether the above Committee has submitted its recommendations to the Government;
- (c) if so, the complete details in this regard; and
- (d) the details of the recommendations proposed to be accepted by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam.

(c) A High Level Committee on Indian Diaspora (HLCID) had been constituted by the Government in August 2000 under the Chairmanship of Dr. L.M. Singhvi. The Committee submitted its final report to the Government in January 2002

(d) The main recommendations of the HLCID Report accepted by the Government and being implemented are celebration of 9 January every year as Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD), institution of Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award, revision of PIO Card Scheme, establishment of Pravasi Bharatiya Bhawan, grant of Dual Citizenship to foreign citizens of Indian descent, leveraging on the knowledge and other resources of Indian Diaspora, engaging them in the fields of Culture, Economic Development, Education, Health, Media, Tourism, Science & Technology, Philanthropy etc. in order to enhance their connectivity with India.