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

(a) the details of the objectives and the talks held during the third Pravasi Bhartiya Divas held in Mumbai recently and the extent to which the talks were successful;

(b) whether it is alleged that only a certain section of NRIs attended the said Conference;

(c) if so, the facts regarding the allegation so made;

(d) whether the Union Government put forth its views in the Conference; and

(e) if so, the details of the response received from the participants?

Answer

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

(a) The objective of PBD 2005 was to deepen the engagement between India and its Diaspora through focused activities across sectors.

During the third Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) held in Mumbai in January 2005 the following sessions were held :

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Plenary Sessions :


1. India - A Hub for Globalization.


2. New Initiatives for the Diaspora.


3. Disaster Management and Rehabilitation : The Role of Overseas Indians


4. India and the Generation Next.



Sectoral Sessions :


1. Education


2. Science & Technology


3. Healthcare


4. Voluntary Sector and Development


5. Entertainment
6. NRIs in Gulf


7 PIO Issues
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8. Tourism


9. Finance
10. Tracing the Roots
11. Infrastructure
12. Private International Law
13. Knowledge-based Industry
14. Role of Interest Groups in Moving India`s Agenda


Sessions on State Governments :


1. Chhattisgarh


2. Gujarat


3. Karnataka


4. Kerala


5. Maharashtra
6. Punjab


7 Rajasthan


8. Uttaranchal


9. Uttar Pradesh
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(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The response received from the participants was positive. There were lively interactions between the delegates and the panelists/speakers and also among the panelists.