

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

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ESTABLISHMENT OF PIO UNIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any request from the Persons of Indian Origin(PIOs) Association for establishing a PIO University in India having campuses in other countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon; and
- (c) the time by which a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS(SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a)to (c): No, Sir. There was a proposal to set up NR/PIO Universities in the country through an Act of Parliament. However in the meantime the Ministry of Human Resource Development has drafted an Innovation Universities Bill. This contains similar provisions as those of the proposed PIO University Bill. Therefore it has been decided that the PIO University would be established under the Innovation University Act (once it is approved by the Parliament).