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Title: The Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs laid a statement regarding the status of implementation of recommendations in the 1<sup>st</sup> Report of Standing Committee on External Affairs on Demands for Grants (2009-10), pertaining to the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs.

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): Madam, I beg to lay the statement under Direction 73A of the Speaker on the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the 1<sup>st</sup> Report of the Standing Committee on External Affairs.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Report of the Standing Committee on External Affairs on the Demands for Grants 2009-2010 was presented to the Lok Sabha on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2009 and laid in Rajya Sabha on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2009. Action Taken Replies (ATR) of the Government on the recommendations/observations of the Committee were sent to the Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

As required, the present status of implementation of the recommendations of the 1<sup>st</sup> Report of the Standing Committee is detailed at the Annexure which is laid on the Table of the House.

I hope that the hon. Members will be satisfied with the action taken by my Ministry.