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**SKILL MAPPING OF INDIAN DIASPORA**

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Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state :-

(a) whether the Government has carried out any exercise to categorise Indian diaspora members on the basis of their discipline/subject expertise or have mapped their skill sets, or carried any similar exercise;

(b) if so, how many diaspora members have registered their skills/ areas of expertise; and

(c) the framework proposed to connect these skills with national needs?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (c)      The Government of India maintains the country wise data of Indian diaspora, categorized into NRIs (Indian citizens residing abroad), PIOs (Persons of Indian Origin), and Indian students who have gone abroad for educational purposes. As on January 2025, there are 17.17 million NRIs and 17.18 million PIOs residing across the world, which includes 1.88 million Indian students studying abroad. The Government has not carried out any exercise  to categorise Indian diaspora on the basis of their discipline/subject expertise or map their skill set.

However, the Government maintains eMigrate portal, which captures detailed information related to Indian workers holding Emigration Check Required (ECR) Passports when they proceed abroad for overseas employment. This portal functions as a key platform for maintaining a database of semi-skilled or under educated emigrant workers, categorising them based on their employment profiles, such as carpenters, electricians, cooks, barbers, construction workers, etc., along with their destination countries. This enables the Government to analyse migration patterns and ensure that the emigrants are not exploited in different parts of the world. As on June 2025, a total of 4.8 million Indians have registered and received Emigration Clearance.

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