

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.98
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2018

URGING NRIs TO SERVE THE NATION

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has urged the NRIs to come back to the country and serve the nation; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response received so far in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) & (b) The Ministry and Indian Missions/Consulates abroad are engaging with the overseas Indian community regularly through various schemes, initiatives, and dialogue mechanisms and inviting them to contribute to the ongoing development and growth process in India. Recently, with an aim to create a pool of Indian Researchers, Scientists and Engineers, the Government of India has announced several schemes including Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN), VAJRA (Visiting Advanced Joint Research), Ramanujan Fellowship Scheme, etc to attract NRIs and Persons of Indian Origin to contribute in these fields. Under Ramanujan Fellowship Scheme of Department of Science & Technology, 355 fellows have joined in various institutes in the country since FY 2005-06. Theme based Panel Discussions such as Indian Diaspora's role in Capacity Building of Artificial Intelligence in India, Affordable Waste Management and Affordable Solar Power are being organized through PBD Conferences to get the best practices of the world through NRI/PIO experts. NRIs and PIOs are also encouraged to invest in six flagship programs of India, including Digital India, Make in India, National Mission for Clean Ganga, Swachh Bharat Mission and Skills development initiative. But no formal call has been given to NRIs to come back and serve the nation.
