

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.470  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.04.2016**

**ROMA Conference**

**470. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:**

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to organize fourth ROMA Conference in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;**
- (c) whether ROMA people constitute the Indian Diaspora and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether any study has been proposed to discover the roots/origin of ROMA people; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) ICCR organized fifth International Roma Conference at ICCR, New Delhi from February 12-14, 2016.**
- (b) A total of 14 International speakers and 14 Indian scholars participated in the Conference. Objective of Conference was to re-establish cultural and linguistic links with Roma community, review existing scholarly studies on Roma community and encourage further studies.**
- (c) Roma community has cultural and linguistic links with Indian culture and language and is believed to have migrated from Northern part of India during 5<sup>th</sup> century BC.**
- (d) & (e) One of the follow up action points identified during the deliberations of three days Conference was to establish a Research Centre by an NGO for the studies on Roma community, to discover the roots and origins of Roma people.**

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