

- (a) whether Government proposes to register details of Indians in foreign countries to provide emergency help in case of any atrocities against them as of now in Australia against Indian students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (c) All Indian Missions/Posts register Indians living within their consular jurisdiction upon an application made by them in the prescribed format.

Passports issued to Indian nationals carry an advisory requesting them to register their presence when outside India with the nearest Indian Diplomatic Mission/Post.

#### **Problems during Admission of NRI Children**

636. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether problems have been faced by NRIs in getting their children admission in Indian universities;
- (b) if so, whether assurances were given to NRIs that the procedure for admission of their children in Indian universities would be further streamlined; and
- (c) the number of NRI children who applied for admission in Indian universities and the numbers that were actually admitted during 2008?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) Such problems, if any, have not been brought to the notice of this Ministry.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No such data is maintained.

#### **Visa by Australia to Indian students**

†637. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

SHRI BALVANT ALIAS BAL APTÉ:

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian students who have been issued visa by the Australian Government for pursuing their studies there;
- (b) the number of Indian students pursuing their studies in the Melbourne city of Australia;
- (c) whether these students have been made the target of racial attacks there; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) As per data released by the Australian Government, 58,029 Indian nationals were issued student visas during the period July 2008 to May, 2009.

(b) The exact number of students in Melbourne city is not available. However, as of June, 2008 there were 46,028 Indian students in Victoria state.

(c) and (d) A few cases of attacks may have had a racial aspect, details of which are given in the statement.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

### Statement

*List of Confirmed Incidents of Assault/Robbery/Others involving Indian students in Australia recently which might have a racial element*

S.No.	Date of Attack	Name S/Shri	Edu. Institute/ Occupation	Place of Attack	Nature of Attack
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	7.6.09	Nekram	Student	Windsor Railway Station-Prahran	Theft and assault and derogatory comments on Indian appearance
2.	7.6.09	Karan Crawla	Student	Windsor Railway Station-Prahran	Theft and assault and derogatory comments on Indian appearance
3.	7.6.09	Name not given	Student (female)	Street in vicinity of Thomastown Train Stn on High Street towards Newton Street	Assault on female student by a group of 5 people (3 males and 2 females); racially taunted A group of 10 males, Indian in appearance approached the group while the assault was in progress, causing the offenders to run off. The victim was then escorted home.
4.	10.6.09	Names not given	Manager/staff of general store	Footscray (inside store named India At Home)	Robbery/ Offender also threatened to kill Indians
5.	12.6.09	Sunny Bajaj	Student, Deakin University	Car park to Chandler Park Reserve, Allandale Road, Boronia	Assault and robbery by 2 offenders who racially abused and punched victim

1	2	3	4	5	6
6.	13.6.09	Name not given	Taxi Driver	I/S Main Hursbridge Road and Station Street Diamond Creek	Assault and racial abuse by two males
7.	15.6.09	Name not given	Not given	Oakleigh Railway Station Portman Str, Oakleigh	Assault by 2 offenders; racial abuse and threats
8.	19.6.09	Name not given	Not given	Wilson Street, Brunswick towards Jewel railway station	2 offenders abuse female victim 'to go back to her own country' and assault victim with bike chain
9.	20.6.09	Name not given	Taxi driver	Corner Webb St and Yarra Street, Murrandyte	Assault and anti Indian remark
10.	21.6.09	Name not given	Not known	Private residence, Pioneer Drive, Deer Park	Large crowd (20) of African in appearance and Pacific Islander smash windows to premises; make racist remarks and threats to occupants