

Overseas Indian Affairs, External Affairs as well as those of Indian Mission/Posts in Australia. At the instance of the Government of India, the Government of Australia has taken a several important measures aimed at enhancing the safety and security of our students, both at the State as well as the Federal level, which have been useful.

Students in Australia and New Zealand

366. SARDAR TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian students who have gone to Australia and New Zealand during last four years, give year-wise figures;
- (b) the number of them who have been given country's citizenship; and
- (c) the number who have been given work permits?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA): (a) The available data on the number of Indian students who have gone to Australia and New Zealand during the last four years are as follows:

Year	Australia	New Zealand
2005	Not available	2,114
2006	38,199	2,566
2007	61,726	3,736
2008	94,580	6,040
2009	120,569	Not available

(b) and (c) Information on the number of Indian students who have been given citizenships of Australia and New Zealand is not available. In Australia students are allowed to work for 20 hours per week during the study period and unlimited number of hours during the vacation.

MPS/MLAs of Indian origin

367. SARDAR TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people of Indian origin who are Members of Parliament, Legislative Assemblies or Councils abroad;
- (b) the names thereof, country-wise;
- (c) whether any Indian born person has attained any position higher than the above mentioned categories; and
- (d) whether Government has any contact with them?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA): (a) and (b) As per available information, there are 324 Persons of Indian Origin who are MPs/MLAs/Member of Local Councils in different countries. Their names, country-wise, are given in the Statement (*See below*).