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Government of India,  
Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs

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**NOTIFICATION**

**Sub: Constitution of the Prime Minister's Global Advisory Council of Overseas Indians.**

The Government has decided to constitute the Prime Minister's Global Advisory Council of People of Indian Origin to draw upon the experience and knowledge of eminent people of Indian origin in diverse fields from across the world.

2. The composition of the Council will be as follows

1. Prime Minister
2. Minister of External Affairs
3. Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs
4. Principal Secretary to PM
5. Secretary, MOIA Member Secy
6. Dr. Amartya Sen
7. Prof. Jagdish Bhagwati
8. Sh. Karan F. Bilimoria
9. Shri Swadesh Chatterjee
10. Ms. Ela Gandhi
11. Shri Rajat K. Gupta
12. Lord Khalid Hameed
13. Dr. Renu Khator
14. Shri Kishore Mahbubani
15. Shri PNC Menon
16. Shri L.N. Mittal
17. Ms. Indra K. Nooyi
18. Shri Vikram Pandit
19. Shri C. K. Prahalad
20. Shri Bhiku Chotalal Parekh

21. Shri Sam Pitroda
22. Tan Sri Dato' Ajit Singh
23. Shri Shashi Tharoor
24. Prof. Srinivasa SR Varadhan
25. Shri Yusuffali M.A.

3. Finance Secretary and Foreign Secretary will be special invitees.
4. The functions of the Council will be as follows:
  - (i) Serve as a platform for the Prime Minister to draw upon the experience, knowledge and wisdom of the best Indian minds wherever they may be based;
  - (ii) Develop an inclusive agenda for two-way engagement between India and Overseas Indians;
  - (iii) Consider ways and means for accessing the skills and knowledge of the Indian diaspora for meeting India's development goals and facilitating investments by Overseas Indians into India; and
  - (iv) Institution and capacity building in India to respond to the economic, social and cultural needs of the Overseas Indian community.
5. The advice of the Council will be recommendatory in nature and serve as valuable inputs for policy formulation and programme planning.

6. Since many of the issues related to the diaspora are handled in different Ministries and Departments including by state Governments, the Ministry will serve as the nodal point for follow up action on the advice/recommendations.
7. The Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs will provide the secretariat support and through inter-ministerial consultations, follow up on the recommendations and monitor their implementation. The Ministry will provide an action taken report to the Prime Minister periodically.
8. The Council may, on approval of the Prime Minister invite such experts and academics, as required, to assist it in its work.
9. The Council may, on approval of the Prime Minister invite such person or persons, as it may deem fit, to participate in its deliberations.
10. The Council would meet twice a year. Airfare and local hospitality would be provided to the members of the Council for attending the meetings.

11. The expenditure incurred on the functioning of the Council will be met from the budget of the MOIA.



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