

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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INDIAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ABROAD

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

- (a) the details of the embassies, consulates and other representations maintained by India abroad;
- (b) the details regarding the number of Indian personnel employed in India's diplomatic missions abroad;
- (c) whether India's current strength and number of diplomatic missions is sufficient to protect our geo-strategic interests in this growing turbulent world;
- (d) whether Government has any plans to open up new embassies and consulates in new countries since the Indian diaspora is dispersed across every country in the world; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a to e) India maintains 203 Missions/Posts abroad. Around 3300 Indian personnel are employed in India's diplomatic Missions/Posts abroad. The broad foreign policy vision of the Government includes strengthening India's presence abroad in the most optimal manner. The objectives of our foreign policy include building a conducive environment for India's growth and development through partnerships with friendly countries.

Ministry of External Affairs regularly reviews the requirement of manpower at various levels in the Ministry and in Mission/Posts abroad. The Ministry accords highest priority to optimize the deployment of its human resources to fulfil its growing responsibilities and to protect India's interests.

Countries are identified for opening of resident Indian Missions on the basis of potential for deepening strategic cooperation; strong potential for bilateral trade and investment; strong Diaspora presence; to bolster political outreach in multilateral fora; and for signalling India's commitment to stepping up of diplomatic engagement with important countries/regions etc.
