

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6139
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2018

SHORTAGE OF STAFF IN EMBASSIES

6139. SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R. K.:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYABAMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any shortage of staff in Indian embassies, consulates and high commissions in various countries abroad;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the current status of vacancy position;
- (c) the time by which they are likely to be filled;
- (d) whether the Government has assigned and appointed any attache for various ministerial jobs abroad particularly in European Union; 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) to (c) There are 667 officers and 1251 support staff in our Missions and Posts. In addition, there are more than 2800 locally recruited staff currently deployed in Missions and Posts abroad. The requirement of manpower in any establishment changes depending upon varying workload from time to time. Ministry of External Affairs regularly reviews the requirement of manpower at various levels in Missions and Posts abroad as well as at the Headquarters, and takes appropriate action, including recruitment of additional officers and staff, through placement of requisite indents with the Union Public Service Commission and the Staff Selection Commission respectively, in case of shortfall.

(d) & (e) Defence Attaches are posted to Missions/Posts abroad, including in the European Union, against designated posts. Further, Section Officer level officers posted to Missions / Posts abroad are also designated as Attache.
