

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1682
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2022**

SHORTAGE OF EMPLOYEES IN INDIAN MISSIONS

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an acute shortage of employees in Indian Missions Abroad;**
- (b) If so, the number of employees appointed in High Commissions located in various countries at present, country-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to provide adequate staff strength in Indian embassies/consulates in foreign countries; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)**

(a) to (d) Ministry of External Affairs regularly reviews human resource requirement in Missions and Posts abroad. The Ministry accords highest priority to optimize the deployment of its human resources to fulfill its growing responsibilities through recruitment and cadre management of the Indian Foreign Service and other cadres of the Ministry and deputation of officers from other Ministries and Departments. Vacancies in Indian Missions/Posts abroad are regularly reviewed and officers posted against these vacancies. Presently, the Indian diplomatic Missions and Posts abroad, have a strength of 2791 India-based officials and 2801 locally recruited staff. Details placed at Annexure-I

ANNEXURE-I**Country – wise details of human resources strength in Indian Missions/Posts abroad (As on 30 November 2022)**

Country	India-based Officers & staff	Local Staff
Algeria	10	11
Angola	9	9
Argentina	12	11
Armenia	6	7
Australia	37	53
Austria	14	19
Azerbaijan	7	6
Bahrain	15	24
Bangladesh	136	82
Belarus	7	9
Belgium	29	28
Bhutan	34	20
Botswana	8	7
Brazil	21	19
Brunei Darussalam	7	11
Bulgaria	8	6
Burkina Faso	4	5
Cambodia	12	9
Cameroon	5	5
Canada	52	43
Chad	1	0
Chile	9	12
China	91	68
Colombia	8	12
Congo (DR Congo)	5	12
Cote d'Ivoire	5	13
Croatia	7	8
Cuba	9	9
Cyprus	10	7
Czech Republic	14	12
Denmark	12	12
Djibouti (Republic of)	7	5
Dominican Republic	5	7
Egypt	28	29
Equatorial Guinea (Rep)	2	4

Eritrea	5	5
Estonia	4	7
Ethiopia	12	18
Fiji	11	5
Finland	9	9
France	44	59
Germany	53	82
Ghana	11	20
Greece	10	13
Guatemala	7	9
Guinea	4	5
Guyana	8	7
Hungary	11	11
Iceland	4	5
Indonesia	34	57
Iran	39	29
Iraq	23	19
Ireland	11	7
Israel	21	15
Italy	32	35
Jamaica	8	9
Japan	37	37
Jordan	11	9
Kazakhstan	18	18
Kenya	28	29
Kingdom of Eswatini	3	5
North Korea	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
South Korea	18	17
Kuwait	29	38
Kyrgyzstan	13	8
Lao, PDR	8	9
Lebanon	11	11
Liberia	4	5
Libya	0	3
Madagascar	7	12
Malawi	9	13
Malaysia	21	38
Maldives	21	6
Mali	5	7
Malta	12	4

Mauritania (Republic)	3	5
Mauritius	27	27
Mexico	15	13
Mongolia	7	11
Morocco	11	12
Mozambique	12	10
Myanmar	40	46
Namibia	10	8
Nepal	96	75
Netherlands	18	16
New Zealand	10	9
Niger	4	7
Nigeria	20	26
Norway	12	11
Oman	24	32
Pakistan	45	3
Palestine	3	3
Panama	9	10
Papua New Guinea	10	5
Paraguay	6	7
Peru	4	11
Philippines	14	12
Poland	11	14
Portugal	9	9
Qatar	19	27
Republic of Congo	4	5
Romania	10	12
Russian Federation	91	47
Rwanda	6	5
Sao Tome and Principe	2	5
Saudi Arabia	66	84
Senegal	6	14
Serbia	8	11
Seychelles	11	7
Sierra Leone	3	5
Singapore	18	38
Slovak Republic	4	6
Slovenia	6	9
South Africa	55	42
South Sudan	10	8

Spain	22	19
Sri Lanka	86	111
Sudan	12	19
Suriname	10	6
Sweden	13	14
Switzerland	57	34
Syria	7	15
Tajikistan	11	12
Tanzania	16	22
Thailand	33	32
Togo (Republic)	3	5
Trinidad and Tobago	13	12
Tunisia	9	9
Turkey	21	23
Turkmenistan	11	8
Uganda	13	11
Ukraine	14	11
United Arab Emirates	64	87
United Kingdom	115	101
United States of America	183	178
Uzbekistan	16	15
Venezuela	10	8
Vietnam	24	26
Yemen	2	8
Zambia	13	10
Zimbabwe	12	9
Total Human Resources	2791	2801