

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1739
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2022**

OPENING OF INDIAN MISSIONS

1739. SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be please to state:

- (a) whether the Government approved the opening of 3 Indian Missions in Estonia, Paraguay and Dominican Republic in 2021;**
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof; and**
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for enhancement of India's diplomatic presence through these missions?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a) The Union Cabinet approved the opening of 3 Indian Missions in Estonia, Paraguay and Dominican Republic in 2021. The missions have since been operationalised.

(b)&(c) The objective of our foreign policy is to build a conducive environment for India's growth and development through partnerships with friendly countries. Our Missions and Posts across the world serve as conduits of our relations with partner countries. The decision to open these 3 new Indian Missions would expand our footprint in various regions and broaden international support for our interests. Enhancement of India's diplomatic presence will, inter alia, also provide market access for Indian companies and bolster Indian exports of goods and services.
