

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
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CRITERIA FOR LANGUAGE SPEAKERS

2689. SHRI T.R. BAALU

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state :-

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to bring in changes to the criteria for assignment abroad with preference given to language speakers and expertise regarding the respective host country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a to c) Assignment of officers abroad is done on functional and administrative exigencies taking into account a variety of factors including functional skills, language, seniority and overall suitability for the task and the post. Language specialization and expertise on the host country are considered wherever required. Efforts are made to ensure that each officer is able to widen exposure to a broad variety of work taking into account their specialization.
