

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-36
ANSWERED ON- 02/02/2024
OFFLINE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**

**36. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT
SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA**

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

- (a) Whether the Ministry only allows for offline submission of applications for some positions that it is recruiting for;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**
- (c) The details of the rules governing the procedure for shortlisting or selection of candidates applying to the position of consultants at the under-secretary level in the Ministry;**
- (d) Whether the Ministry declares the list of shortlisted candidates for each post it is conducting recruitment for;**
- (e) if so, the details of the processes it follows for transparency in recruitment, and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (f) the reasons for not publishing the list of Consultants finally appointed to the advertised posts in recent times?**

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

(a to f) Applications for engagement of consultants in the Ministry are invited through open advertisement published on the Ministry's website. These applications are accepted through online (email) as well as offline mode. Eligible applicants are shortlisted on the basis of criteria indicated in the advertisement. The shortlisted candidates are interviewed by a Selection Committee appointed by the Competent Authority in the Ministry. Names of the Consultants who are engaged in the Ministry are available on the Ministry's website.
