

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1675
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2022**

FULL FLEDGED EMBASSY

1675. SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:

SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of countries in which the Government has a full-fledged embassy (or high commission), consulate and regional consulate, continent-wise;
- (b) the number of Indian Government officers who are presently working in such embassies, consulates and regional consultates;
- (c) whether the Government has worked on increasing its diplomatic presence across the globe since 2014, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to ensure 100 percent diplomatic coverage in all embassies?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) & (b) There are currently 202 operational Indian Missions in all continents which includes Embassies, High Commissions, Permanent Missions, Permanent Delegations, Assistant High Commissions, Consulates and Representative Offices. These Missions are in 141 countries [Africa: 43; Asia: 43; Europe: 33; North America: 8; South America: 10; Oceania: 4]. These diplomatic missions are manned by about 1000 Government of India officers.

(c) Yes, since 2014, 22 new Indian diplomatic Missions have been established in Indonesia (Indian Mission to ASEAN, Jakarta), Iraq (CGI Erbil), Bangladesh (AHCI Khulna, & AHCI Sylhet), Malta, Rwanda, Burkina Faso, Republic of Congo, Republic of Guinea, Equatorial Guinea, Djibouti, Eswatini, Eritrea, Cameroon, Sao Tome & Principe, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Mauritania, Togo, Estonia, Dominican Republic and Paraguay.

(d) Vacancies at Diplomatic or Consular levels in Indian Missions abroad are regularly reviewed and officers appointed. Generally, gaps between the departure of incumbents and the arrival of their successors are kept to a minimum. However, as the posting chains often involve several officers, on some occasions, Missions/Posts abroad may face some short-term vacancies.
