

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1733
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2022**

OPENING OF INDIAN EMBASSIES

1733. DR. TALARI RANGAIAH:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has sanctioned the opening of 3 new Indian embassies in Estonia, Paraguay and Dominican Republic in 2021; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the objective to be achieved therefrom?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) Yes. The Union Cabinet has approved the opening of Indian Missions in Estonia, Paraguay and Dominican Republic in 2021.

(b) The objective of our foreign policy is to build a conducive environment for India's growth and development through partnerships with friendly countries. There are presently 202 Missions and Posts across the world which serve as conduits of our relations with partner countries. The decision to open these 3 new Indian Missions is a forward-looking step to 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.
