

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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POSTING OF INDIAN DIPLOMATS

3468 SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI

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

(a) The details regarding the number of foreign service officers that India has;

(b) The details regarding the number of vacancies/shortage in staff that exist in various Indian Missions across the world currently;

(c) The details regarding the number of Indian diplomats posted to key multilateral organizations including but not limited to the World Trade Organization, United Nations, ASEAN and the EU;

(d) Whether any of India's embassies or consulates are headed by IFS (B) officers; and

(e) If so, the details thereof including the strength of the said officers?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) The sanctioned strength of Indian Foreign Service officers is 1177.

(b) Currently there are 6277 officers/officials including local staff serving in 218 Missions/Posts abroad. The requirement of manpower changes depending upon varying workload from time to time. Ministry of External Affairs regularly reviews the requirement of manpower at various levels in Missions and Posts abroad as well as at the Headquarters, and takes appropriate action.

(c) As on date, there are 49 IFS officers posted to Indian missions handling key multilateral organizations.

(d & e) Yes. Currently, two Consulates General of India are being headed by two officers of IFS(B).
