GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2170

ANSWERED ON- 12/12/2025

SOCIAL DIVERSITY AMONG INDIAN FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS

2170. MR PATHAN YUSUF

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

(a) the total strength of Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officers, especially belonging to SC/ST, OBC, minorities and women categories;

(b) the number of IFS officers belonging to SC/ST, OBC, minorities and women posted as Ambassadors/High Commissioner/Permanent Representative abroad; and

(c) the number of IFS officers belonging to SC/ST, OBC, minorities and women posted at Director, Joint Secretary, Additional Secretary and Secretary levels in the Ministry?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) The total strength of Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officers as on 01 December 2025 is 954. Out of these, the number of SC/ST officers is 200, OBC officers is 217 and women officers is 263. The data regarding minorities is not maintained separately.

(b) Currently, there are a total of 26 Ambassadors/High Commissioners/Permanent Representatives belonging to SC/ST categories.

There are a total of 25 Ambassadors/High Commissioners/Permanent Representatives belonging to OBC category working in Missions abroad.

Currently, there are a total of 11 Women officers posted as Ambassadors/High Commissioners/Permanent Representative.

(c) The number of IFS officers belonging to SC/ST, OBC, and women posted at Director, Joint Secretary, Additional Secretary and Secretary levels in the Ministry is placed at Annexure-I.

Officers of SC/ST, OBC, and Women at Director, Joint Secretary, Additional Secretary and Secretary level

Designation	Category	No. of officers
Director	OBC	08
	SC	12
	ST	04
	Women	15
Joint Secretary	OBC	13
	SC	06
	ST	02
	Women	15
Additional Secretary	OBC	04
	SC	01
	ST	01
	Women	03
Secretary	OBC	00
	SC	01
	ST	01
	Women	02

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