

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STRENGTHENING OF INDIA'S DIPLOMACY IN GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITIES

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken so far to strengthen the financial, human resource and institutional capacity of the Ministry in view of the increasing global responsibilities, the goals of Viksit Bharat@2047 and emerging domains such as technology, cyber security, artificial intelligence and digital diplomacy; and

(b) whether any structured action plan is being implemented by the Ministry to induct specialised domain experts in areas such as technology, cyber security, climate, supply chains and geo-economics into the diplomatic apparatus, to enhance training and to improve the functional effectiveness of missions, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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(a & b) The Ministry of External Affairs through its Training Division, Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service (SSIFS), undertakes structured and continuous capacity-building measures to enhance officers' knowledge of procedures and financial regulations, as well as emerging technology domains such as artificial intelligence and cyber security. Training programmes at Induction and Mid-Career levels are designed to develop domain, functional and behavioural competencies, in alignment with the *Karmayogi* framework and the objectives of *Viksit Bharat@2047*.

Currently, officers on deputation from various Ministries are working in MEA in specific domains for which they have gathered experience in their parent Ministry. Further, professionals and experts are also currently hired in the Ministry as Consultants who have expertise on a wide range of subjects such as counter terrorism, project management, bilateral and multilateral diplomacy, international law, consular and disarmament related work as well as in emerging domains. The Ministry accords high priority to the effective use of technology as a means to

enhance efficiency and inter-institutional coordination. To maintain institutional responsiveness to evolving foreign policy imperatives, the Ministry periodically undertakes organizational restructuring exercises. Additionally, through the Ministry's Capacity Building Plan, operationalized in 2024, capacity building of officers/officials is further prioritized by leveraging specialized courses in multiple domains available in the iGOT Karmayogi portal.
