

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:533  
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2000  
CALLING BACK INDIAN ENVOY  
KAMBALAPADU E. KRISHNAMURTHY

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

- (a) whether India`s envoy in Austria had been asked to return to New Delhi in October 2000;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) The Ministry of External Affairs had received certain complaints of financial irregularities by former Ambassador of India to Austria. As a consequence, a preliminary inquiry was conducted under the relevant rules. Accordingly, the Disciplinary Authority decided to recall him to headquarters. The departmental proceedings are now in progress.