

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4005  
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2000  
OVERSEAS CULTURAL CENTRES  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the locations of cultural centres set up abroad so far;
- (b) whether the Government propose to set up new cultural centres abroad during 2000-2001; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) has set up 14 Indian Cultural Centres abroad. These Centres are located at Georgetown (Guyana), Paramaribo (Surinam), Port Louis (Mauritius), Jakarta (Indonesia), Moscow (Russia), Berlin (Germany), Cairo (Egypt), London (UK), Johannesburg (South Africa), Durban (South Africa), Almaty (Kazakhstan), Tashkent (Uzbekistan), Port of Spain (Trinidad & Tobago) and Colombo (Sri Lanka).

(b) & (c) The ICCR has in hand several proposals for opening new cultural centres which are being examined in consultation with the Ministry of External Affairs. These centres will be opened depending upon the assessment of their requirements and the availability of additional funds.