

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CRITERIA FOR APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADORS HIGH COMMISSIONERS

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- a] the criteria laid down for the appointment of Ambassadors/High Commissioners to foreign countries;
- b] the countries where such appointments have been made; and
- c] the countries where the above mentioned appointments are yet to be made?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA]

- a] The appointments of Ambassadors/High Commissioners to foreign countries are decided on the basis of a number of criteria, which include, inter alia, their seniority, career, relevant experience and an overall suitability for the tasks and the post.
- b] A list in this connection is enclosed. [List A]
- c] A list in this connection is enclosed. [List B]. Process is underway for selection and appointment of suitable Ambassadors/High Commissioners to these countries.