

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2945
ANSWERED ON:11.08.2010
AMBASSADORS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES
Agarwal Shri Jai Prakash

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Indian Ambassadors working in foreign countries as on date, category-wise, and country-wise;
- (b) the number of posts of Ambassadors lying vacant country-wise and by when these posts are likely to be filled up and since when these are lying vacant;
- (c) the number of Ambassadors belonging to Indian Foreign Service and Indian Administrative Service; and
- (d) the number of those Ambassadors who have been inducted into service from private sector and they do not belong to any specific Government service?

Answer

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

(a): The total number of Indian Ambassadors/High Commissioners working in different foreign countries, as on date is 126. The information is detailed in the attached ANNEXURE.

(b): Nine - These posts are likely to be filled up shortly. Position detailed in the attached ANNEXURE.

[i] Cuba since 27.03.2010, [ii] Greece since 02.03.10, [iii] Guatemala – First Resident Ambassador, [iv] Iraq since 24.12.04, [v] Italy since 18.03.2010, [vi] Namibia since 23.06.2010, [vii] Niger – First Resident Ambassador, [viii] Sweden since 01.07.2010, [ix] Tajikistan since 18.07.2010.

(c): 119 belong to Indian Foreign Service and 2 belong to Indian Administrative Service.

(d): Total : 5.