

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TERMINOLOGICAL DIFFERENCE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to remove the terminological difference between Indian High Commission and Embassy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for using such a different terminology in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (c) There exists uniformity in the usage of terminology of an Embassy and High Commission, both being different nomenclatures for Diplomatic Missions. High Commission is the nomenclature given to a Diplomatic Mission of a Commonwealth member country in another Commonwealth country. The Diplomatic Mission is called an Embassy in all other cases where the sending State or the receiving State is not a Commonwealth country.