

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Embassies prefer hiring of local Indians for undertaking various works;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The details of benefits including medical facilities extended to them?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

- (a) & (b) Yes, if they possess the necessary qualifications and the required documentation.
- (c) Locally recruited employees of Indian Embassies, including Indian nationals, are paid inflation indexed salary, bonus and gratuity. Embassies make contributions towards social security, and medical insurance, for such employees depending on local regulations.