

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1643  
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UAE CONSULATE IN KERALA  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present status of opening of United Arab Emirates (UAE) Consulate in Kerala;
- (b) whether any location has been identified for the said Consulate;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the said Consulate is likely to start functioning?

**Answer**

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

(a) On 13 July 2011, the Government of United Arab Emirates (UAE) conveyed to the Ministry of External Affairs that it would favorably consider opening a Consular Office in the State of Kerala. This issue is currently under discussion.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.