

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR IFS OFFICERS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any suggestion to re-orient the training programme for Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officers in view of the two embarrassing incidents involving senior IFS officers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Ministry conducts training of the Indian Foreign Service officers with the objective of preparing them for a wide range of tasks that they would be required to perform in their professional careers. An intrinsic part of their training is instructions on the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, which govern the conduct and behaviour of all civil servants. During their training, the officers are also made aware of the various orders issued by the Ministry from time to time on the standard of conduct and behaviour expected of officers of the Indian Foreign Service. In this context, Foreign Secretary had recently reiterated such instructions on behaviour expected of officers. The instructions of Foreign Secretary have been circulated to all the officers of the IFS.

(c) Not applicable.