

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has noticed the necessity of more staff in Indian missions particularly in Gulf countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government would enhance the facilities including staff in the missions in foreign countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken/being taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) Yes, with the increasing global engagement and evolving international profile of India, the overall work pressure at many Indian Missions/Posts abroad including the Gulf region has been increasing requiring suitable adjustments in terms of manpower.
- (c) & (d) Yes, in keeping with the changing requirements, the Ministry regularly reviews the functional needs of Indian Missions/Posts abroad for appropriate adaptations in the staff strength and other facilities.
- (e) For addressing the increasing overall workload of Indian Missions and Posts abroad, including the Gulf region, the Ministry is in the process of implementing a general manpower expansion plan spread over ten years, starting the year 2008, besides processing another specific cadre review proposal of the IFS'B'. Ministry is also upgrading physical infrastructure and introducing technology driven solutions wherever required. In respect of the Indian Missions/Posts in the Gulf region, the overall sanctioned strength has been raised from 499 to 570 over the last five years.