

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3225
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OPENING OF CONSULATES IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of opening of Saudi Arabia and UAE Consulates in Kerala;
- (b) whether locations have been identified for the said purpose;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the services to be provided by these Consulates?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

- (a) There is no proposal of opening of a Consulate of Saudi Arabia in Kerala. Opening of a UAE Consular Office in Kerala is currently under discussion.
- (b) No.
- (c) & (d) Does not arise.