

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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VISA CENTRES
Ponnam Shri Prabhakar

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of temporary closure of visa centres and embassies of foreign countries in our country in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for such closures during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to obviate the inconvenience caused to passengers due to such closures?

Answer

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

- (a) As per information available, there has reportedly been no temporary closure of Visa Centres and Embassies of foreign countries in India, in the recent past, except during official holidays of the respective countries.
- (b) & (c) does not arise.