

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1898  
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FOREIGN DIPLOMATS TO PURSUE ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES  
Bhagora Shri Tarachand

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

(a) whether the Government has relaxed rules which banned foreign diplomats to pursue academic programmes in India during their posting in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) All requests of foreign diplomats seeking permission to pursue academic programmes in Indian universities during their posting in the country are considered by the Ministry of External Affairs on a case by case basis.