

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SELECTION OF OFFICIALS TO WORK IN EMBASSIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria for selection of officials to work on deputation in various Indian Embassies;
- (b) whether there is any bar on selection of members of the minority communities especially muslims to these embassies; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) Officers are posted to Indian Missions/Posts abroad based on functional requirements, overall suitability of the officer in terms of experience, seniority, linguistic skills, etc as also in keeping with the principle of rotation.
- (b) & (c) The officers are considered purely for functional reasons and suitable qualifications irrespective of the community they belong to.