

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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DOMESTIC HELP FOR DIPLOMATS  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any proposal to change the status of domestic assistants like maids helping Indian diplomats posted in foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the legal, financial and visa status implications of Government hiring domestic assistants on contract?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) Ministry of External Affairs is considering various policy options with regard to the revision of framework for India-Based Domestic Assistants (IBDAs). Interministerial consultations are currently underway to study implications of the various proposals.