

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether there have been reports about alleged underpayment and ill-treatment of Indian employees including domestic helps by Indian diplomats in our missions abroad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, mission-wise;
- (c) whether there is a proposal to formulate a policy for domestic help; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time likely to be taken to implement this policy?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Government has seen such reports. However, the veracity of such allegations has not been established.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) Ministry of External Affairs is considering various policy options with regard to India- Based Domestic Assistants. Inter-ministerial consultations are currently underway to study implications of the various proposals.