

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3167
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FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS ON INDIAN EMBASSIES/HIGH COMMISSIONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Embassies and High Commissions are unable to carry out their duties properly due to financial restrictions and constrains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether a few Embassies/High Commissions are given more importance and funds than the rest; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

- (a) No.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) & (d) The Budget allocated in respect of Missions/Posts abroad depends on several factors, the important of which are the number of India-based and locally recruited personnel working in the Mission/Post, the cost of living in the country where the Mission/Post is situated, the cost of various services in that country, and the depth and breadth of India's bilateral engagement with that country in areas such as political, trade, economic, consular and cultural.