

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:271

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OPENING OF SAUDI ARABIA CONSULATE IN KERALA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of opening of Consulates of Saudi Arabia and UAE in Kerala;
- (b) whether locations have been identified for this purpose;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which these Consulates are likely to be operational alongwith the services to be provided by them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (GEN. RETD. V.K. SINGH)

(a) This Ministry accorded its consent to the establishment of Consulate of United Arab Emirates in Kerala on 06 July, 2012.

This Ministry is not in receipt of any proposal for the establishment of Consulate of Saudi Arabia in Kerala.

(b) No information with regard to location of the Consulate of the United Arab Emirates has so far been received from their Embassy in New Delhi.

(c) Not applicable in view of (b) above.

(d) Information with respect to time frame for opening of Consulate of the United Arab Emirates has not so far been received from their Embassy in New Delhi.