## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6312 ANSWERED ON:08.05.2002 COMPLAINTS AGAINST AMBASSADORS JASWANT SINGH BISHNOI

## Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of the countries where Government have appointed Ambassadors and the number of those Ambassadors appointed since more than five years;
- (b) the names of the Ambassadors against whom complaints have been received during the last three years and the action taken on these complaints;
- (c) whether the Government have received any complaints from the Indians residing in Oman against the former and present Ambassador to Oman; and
- (d) if so, the action taken thereon?

## **Answer**

## THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

- (a) As on date, the number of countries where the Government have appointed Ambassadors/High Commissioners is 111. The normal tenure of Ambassadors/High Commissioners is for a period of three years. At present, there is only one Ambassador, at Buenos Aires, who has served for more than five years.
- (b) (c) & (d) Complaints against officers have been received in the Ministry from time to time. Cognisance of all the complaints have been taken by the Ministry. The matters are being pursued as per Government of India rules.