

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:38

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OPENING OF UAE CONSULATES IN STATE CAPITALS

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received proposals from states for setting up of Consulate of UAE in their capitals to mitigate the difficulties of job seekers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the government have taken up this matter with the UAE authorities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a) No Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No Sir. While it is a fact that there is a sizeable population of Indian expatriates living and working in UAE, it is a sovereign decision of the Government of UAE to determine whether they wish to open Consulates in various capital of States in India to mitigate the difficulties of job seekers. It would not be appropriate for the Government of India to initiate any action in this regard since the Government of UAE is fully cognizant of the composition of Indian community resident in their country and the problems faced by Indian job seekers from different States.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) Does not arise.