

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4970
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2000
DOWNGRADING OF EMBASSY OF SAHARAWL ARAB DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
TUFANI SAROJ

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have downgraded the status of Embassy of Saharawl Arab Democratic Republic(SADR) at New Delhi from Ambassador to Charge-de-Affairs;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Moroccan Government have requested the Government of India to reconsider the matter; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFIARS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

- (a) and (b) The Embassy of Saharawl Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) is being headed by Charge d` Affairs since 1994.
- (c) and (d) No, Sir.