

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:136
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DIPLOMATIC STATUS TO HEADS OF CULTURAL CENTRES ABROAD
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the heads of Indian Cultural Centres abroad have not been granted any diplomatic status;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the efforts made by the Government for grant of diplomatic status to the heads of Indian Cultural Centres abroad?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) No, Sir. All Heads of Indian Cultural Centres abroad have been granted diplomatic status.
- (b) & (c) Does not arise.