

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:380  
ANSWERED ON:22.02.2006  
OPENING CONSULATES OF INDIA AND PAKISTAN  
Sugavanam Shri E.G.

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

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- (a) whether the Consulate of India and Pakistan i.e. at Mumbai and Karachi have been opened;
  - (b) If so, the details thereof; and
  - (c) If not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) to (c) During the Foreign Secretary level meeting in June 2004, India and Pakistan agreed, in principle, to reopen the Consulate General in Mumbai and Karachi. Agreement was reached during President Musharraf's visit to India in April 2005 to reopen these by the end of 2005. However, Pakistan High Commission has not been able to find premises to rent so far. India is ready to open its Consulate General in Karachi any time but Pakistan is insisting on simultaneous opening of the Consulates General in Mumbai and Karachi.