

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:300  
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OPENING OF EMBASSIES /CONSULATES ABROAD  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open more embassies and consulates abroad;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard, country-wise;
- (c) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred by the Government for opening such embassies and consulates; and
- (d) the time by which these are likely to become operational in each of these countries?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

- (a) & (b) The Government have decided to open Indian Embassies in Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo) and Ljubljana (Slovenia); and Consulates General of India in Songkhla (Thailand), Melbourne (Australia) and Juba (Sudan).
- (c) The estimated annual expenditure on the above is Rs. 7.22 crores. In addition, there would be a one-time non-recurring expenditure of Rs. 2.06 crores.
- (d) These Embassies / Consulates General are to become operational during 2006-07.