

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3017
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EXPENDITURE INCURRED BY INDIAN MISSIONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Indian Missions functioning abroad at present, country-wise;
- (b) the approximate number of Persons of Indian Origins (PIOs) residing in each country;
- (c) the expenditure incurred on Indian Missions during the last three years, year-wise and country-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any measures to curtail the expenditure; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) The list of Indian Missions/Posts functioning abroad at present, country-wise, is enclosed at Annexure I;
- (b) The information on the estimated size of overseas Indian community, including Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) living abroad, country-wise, is enclosed at Annexure II;
- (c) The information relating to expenditure incurred on Indian Missions during the last three years, year-wise and country-wise, is enclosed at Annexure III;
- (d)-(e) Yes. The Government carefully monitors and controls expenditure incurred on Indian Missions abroad. Instructions issued by the Ministry of Finance on economic austerity and budgetary prudence are being observed and implemented.