

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDIAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ABROAD
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of countries in which India has diplomatic representations;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan for opening new missions in certain countries;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to open its missions in all the UN Member states?

Answer

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

- (a) India has resident diplomatic representation in 116 member-States of the United Nations today.
- (b) to (d) It has been decided to open Consulates General or Consulates in Songkhla (Thailand), Juba (Sudan), Guangzhou (China) and Karachi (Pakistan). The opening of Missions abroad is determined by India's overall strategic interest within the available financial and human resources. No decision has been taken so far to open more Missions abroad.