

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1957  
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VISA FACILITATION COMPANIES  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is seeking help from the private companies in order to simplify visa procedure in foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the total number of private companies engaged in this work so far along with the details thereof;
- (c) whether any complaints have been received against these private companies and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken/proposed to be taken against such companies?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (GEN. RETD. V.K.SINGH)

(a) While the Government has engaged non-government companies in some Missions/Posts abroad, through competitive bidding procedures, for collection of visa applications, Government has not sought help from private companies to simplify visa procedures.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.