

(c) As on date there are 776 Indian Foreign Service officers deployed at Headquarters and Missions/Posts abroad. The category-wise number of IFS officers is as under:

1.	General	-	497
2.	OBC	-	110
3.	SC	-	113
4.	ST	-	56

Inefficiency in assets management by external affairs

1294. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is not taking concrete steps in the management of its assets in the various countries thereby getting heavy losses to exchequer, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether CAG has pointed out this in its report and the details thereof and the measures being taken by Government to safeguard its assets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [(GENERAL (RETD.) V.K. SINGH)]: (a) No. Ministry has been taking concrete steps to manage its assets in various countries, including through acquisitions, constructions and renovations.

(b) CAG has made certain suggestions regarding the process of acquisition/construction of properties for the Missions/Posts abroad. Ministry has initiated action to implement these recommendations of CAG which would, however, depend upon availability of budgetary resources.

Impact of Russia-Ukraine crisis on Indo-Russia relationship

1295. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the developments that arise in the wake of the present Russia-Ukraine crisis and its impact on Indo-Russian diplomatic relationship, if so, the details thereof and India's stand; and