

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2148**  
ANSWERED ON- 21/12/2023

**OPENING OF NEW AFGHANISTAN EMBASSY IN INDIA**

2148. SHRI SAKET GOKHALE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan led by the Taliban has made a proposal to open a new embassy in India after the Afghanistan Embassy led by diplomats from the previous regime shut down operations; and

(b) if so, whether Government has taken a decision thereon?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a & b) The diplomatic presence of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in New Delhi and the Consulates of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Mumbai and Hyderabad continue to function in India. During the past two years, some Afghan diplomats have left India since they obtained residency in third countries. However, the remaining Afghan diplomats based in India have taken over the responsibility for the continued diplomatic functioning of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

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