

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON- 28/11/2024

INDIAN FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS IN THE COUNTRY

395. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB

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

- (a) the total number of Indian Foreign Service officers that India currently have;
- (b) whether Government is planning to increase the number of Foreign Service Officers in the near future;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has inducted people into Indian Foreign Service through lateral entry in the last five years;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details of diplomats who have resigned from the position in the last five years, with details of their erstwhile position during resignation along with reasons?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a) The total sanctioned strength of IFS is 1123 and IFS (B) is 3499.
- (b & c) Yes. The Ministry accords highest priority to optimize the deployment of its human resources to fulfil its growing responsibilities through recruitment and cadre management of the Indian Foreign Service and other cadres of the Ministry and deputation of officers from other Ministries and departments.
- (d & e) No
- (f) Three Indian Foreign Service Officers have taken Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) in the last five years.
