

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0280/04
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to the Commission

Subject: European Commission representation in Delhi

During a mission with the European Parliament Delegation for relations with the Member States of ASEAN, south-east Asia and the Republic of Korea, I chanced upon the extraordinary accommodation of half the staff of the European Commission representation in Delhi. That prompts me to ask the following questions:

1. By how many persons has the staff of the European Commission representation in Delhi increased since 'deconcentration'? What is the justification for that increase? For what specific tasks were new staff recruited?
2. Since what date has the European Commission representation been renting the fifth floor of the Taj Mahal Hotel, how many square metres are being rented there, and what is the monthly rental?
3. Does the Commission feel that it is making a good impression on its relations with India and on the citizens of Delhi by renting a floor in a five-star luxury hotel?
4. By what date will the Commission terminate its lease and move to premises which are appropriate for diplomatic relations and, hence, significantly less expensive?
5. Will the Commission give an overview of its representations which have rented additional accommodation since deconcentration and indicate the additional cost, broken down by representation?