GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.04.2022

VISITS OF FOREIGN DIGNITARIES

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

(a) the details of the foreign dignitaries who visited India in the last two years till date;

(b) whether any bilateral agreements have been signed with them;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to keep good relations with these countries?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) to (c) Information is placed at Annexure-I.

(d) High level visits are an important means by which nations serve their national interests and implement their foreign policy objectives. Visits by dignitaries enable enhanced understanding of India's perspectives on regional and global issues among foreign partners at the highest level. These visits and the understandings/agreements reached therein enable India to strengthen relations with partner countries across a wide range of sectors including trade & investment, technology and defence collaboration. Such outcomes also contribute to India's national development agenda to promote economic growth and well being of our people. At the multilateral level, India is increasingly contributing to shaping the global agenda on an array of cross-cutting issues such as climate change, trans-national crime, terrorism, cyber security and nuclear non-proliferation, while also offering the world India's own unique initiatives for addressing global challenges. These initiatives, inter alia, include International Solar Alliance and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure.

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ANNEXURE I

S. No.	Name of visiting dignitary	Period of visit	Details of MoU/Agreement signed during the visit
1.	Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies of Singapore	05-08 January 2020	None
2.	Mr. Dinesh Gunawardena, Minister of Foreign affairs of Sri Lanka	09-10 January 2020	None
3.	Dr. Hasan Mahmud, Minister of Information & Broadcasting of Bangladesh	13-16 January 2020	1.MoU between NFDC (National Film Development Corporation) of India and BDFC (Bangladesh Film Development Corporation) on co-production of feature film on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.
4.	Mr. Edgars Rinkēvičs, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Latvia	13-16 January, 2020	None
5.	Mr. Tomas Petricek, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.	13-16 January 2020	None
6.	Mr. Iain Lees-Galloway, Minister of Immigration of New Zealand	14-15 January 2020	None
7.	Mr. Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane, Minister of Tourism of South Africa	14-16 January 2020	None
8.	Mr. Jeppe Kofod, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Denmark	14-16 January 2020	None
9.	Mr. Peter Szijjártó Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary	14-17 January 2020	None
10.	Dr. Javad Zarif, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iran	14-17 January 2020	None
11.	Mr Urmas Reinsalu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Estonia	15-16 January 2020	None
12.	Dr. Naledi Pandor, Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa	14-17 January 2020	None
13.	Ms. Marise Payne, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister for Women of Australia	15-16 January 2020	None
14.	Dr. Thani Al Zeyoudi, Minister of Climate Change and Environment of UAE	16-17 January 2020	None
15.	Mr Jurin Laksanawisit, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce of Thailand	17-20 January 2020	None
16.	Ms. Mèdessè Véronique Tognifodé, Minister of Social Affairs & Micro Finance of Benin	20-24 January 2020	None
17.	Mr. Jair Bolsonaro, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil	25-27 January 2020	1.MoU on Bioenergy Cooperation. 2.MoU for Cooperation in the field of Oil and Natural Gas. 3.Investment Cooperation and Facilitation Treaty.

			4.Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) in Criminal Matters. 5.MoU in the field of Early Childhood. 6.MoU on Cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine. 7.MoU on cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy. 8.Cultural Exchange Programme for the period 2020-2024. 9.Agreement on Social Security 10.MoU on Cooperation in the area of Cyber Security. 11.Programme of Scientific and Technological Cooperation (2020-2023). 12.MoU on Cooperation in the field of Geology and Mineral Resources. 13.MoU between Invest India and Apex Brasil. 14.MoU between Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. of India and Centro Nacional de Pesquisaem Energia e Materiais (CNPEM) on Cooperation for establishing a nodal institution in India to carry out research on Bioenergy. 15.Joint Declaration of Intent between Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying of India and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply of the Federative Republic of Brazil for Cooperation in the fields of Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
18.	Mr. Franck Riester, Minister of Culture of France	27-28 January 2020	1. Letter of Intent on Museology
19.	Mr. Jean Asselborn, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg	27-28 January 2020	None
20.	Mr. Bernd Sibler, Minister of Science and the Arts of the Free State of Bavaria of the Federal Republic of Germany	1-8 February 2020	None
21.	Dr. Khalid bin Mohammed Al-Attiyah, Deputy Prime Minister/ Minister of State for Defence Affairs of Qatar	03 February 2020	None
22.	Mr Jeong Kyeon-doo, Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Korea	03-06 February 2020	1. MoU on Roadmap on Defence Cooperation
23.	Mr. Haris Theoharis, Minister of Tourism of Greece	04-05 February 2020	None
24.	Lt Gen Léon Jean Richard Rakotonirina, Minister of National Defence of Madagascar	04-06 February 2020	None
25.	Mr. Oscar Aguiar Sacramento e Sousa – Minister of Defense and Internal Order of Sao Tome & Principe	04-09 February 2020	None

26.	Gen Cheriff Moumina SY, Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs of Burkina Faso	04-09 February 2020	None
27.	Mr. Adolf Mwesige, Minister of Defence of Uganda	05-07 February 2020	None
28.	HRH Prince Hlangusemphi Dlamini, Minister of Defence of Eswatini	05-07 February 2020	None
29.	Mr. Hassan Ali Mohamed, Amardambe, Minister of Defence of Somalia	05-07 February 2020	None
30.	Sheikh Omar Faye – Minister of Defence of Gambia	05-08 February 2020	None
31.	Mr. Aime Ngoi-Mukena Lusa-Diese, Minister of National Defence and War Veterans of Democratic Republic of Congo	05-09 February 2020	None
32.	Mr. Kuol Manyang Juuk, Minister of Defence of South Sudan	06-09 February 2020	None
33.	Ms. Rosy Sofia Akbar, Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts of Fiji	08-14 February 2020	None
34.	Ms. Dang Thai Ngoc Thinh, Vice President of Vietnam	11-13 Feb 2020	None
35.	Mr. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, President of Portugal	13-16 February 2020	1. MoU for Cooperation in Setting Up of a Maritime Gallery at the National Maritime Heritage Complex in Lothal (Gujarat). 2. Co-operation Agreement on Maritime Transport and Port Development between the Governments of India and Portugal. 3. MoU for Diplomatic Exchanges and Training between Indian Foreign Service Institute and the Portuguese Diplomatic Institute. 4. Agreement on Audio-Visual Co-production between the Governments of India and Portugal. 5. MoU between Economic and Food Safety Authority of Portugal, ASAE, and the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, for co-operation in the field of Industrial and Intellectual Property Rights. 6. MoU between Invest India and Start-Up Portugal. 7. MoU between Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA) and Institute of Social And Political Sciences of The University of Lisbon. 8. MoU between PARKURBIS Covilha and WeHub Start-up, Hyderabad, Telangana. 9. MoU between CSIR-NIIST, Thiruvananthapuram and Instituto Superior Técnico (IST), Portugal 10. MoU between International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory and TERI-

			DEAKIN Nanobiotechnology Centre. 11. MoU between CEiiA and Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. 12. MoU between VEDA Defence and UA Vision for production of drones 13. MoU between VYASA, Bangalore and Portuguese Yoga Confederation for collaboration in a Scientific Validation project on the benefits of Yoga for Portuguese schoolchildren.
36.	Mr. Sveinung Rotevatn, Minister of Climate and Environment of Norway	14-20 February 2020	1. Letter of Intent between Ministry of Earth Sciences, GoI and the Norwegian Ministry of Climate on a new framework for collaboration on Integrated Ocean Management and Research.
37.	Mr. Agus Suparmanto, Minister of Trade of Indonesia	19-21February 2020	None
38.	Mr. Dag-Inge Ulstein, Minister of International Development of Norway	20 February – 2 March 2020	None
39.	Mr. Simon Birmingham, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment of Australia	24-28 February 2020	None
40.	Mr. Winston Peters, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of New Zealand	25-29 February 2020	None
41.	Dr. Gerd Muller, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany	26-28 February 2020	None
42.	Mr. U Win Myint, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar	26-29 February 2020	1.Agreement regarding Indian Grant Assistance for Implementation of Quick Impact Projects (QIP). 2.MoU on Cooperation for Prevention of Trafficking in Persons; Rescue, Recovery, Repatriation and Re-Integration of Victims of Trafficking. 3.Project Agreement between Rakhine State Government and Embassy of India, Yangon for construction of incinerator in Mrauk Oo township hospital, construction of seed storage houses and water supply systems in Gwa township under Rakhine State Development Programme. 4.Project Agreement between Rakhine State Government and Embassy of India, Yangon for distribution of electricity by solar power in five townships of Rakhine State under Rakhine State Development Program. 5.Project Agreement between Rakhine State Government and Embassy of India, Yangon for construction of Kyawlyaung- Ohlphyu road, construction of Kyaung Taung Kyau Paung road in Buthidaung Township under Rakhine State Development Program. 6.MoU Cooperation on Combating Timber Trafficking, and Conservation of Tigers and other Wildlife.

			7.MoU for cooperation in the field of petroleum products. 8.MoU on cooperation in the field of communication. 9.MoU for cooperation in the field of health research between Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Department of Medical Research (DMR), M/o Health & Sports of Myanmar. 10.Project Agreement between Embassy of India, Yangon and Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement for construction of pre-schools Under Rakhine State Development Programme.
43.	Mr. Steffen Bilger, Parliamentary State Secretary for the German Federal Ministry of Transport & Digital Infrastructure	28-29 February 2020	None
44.	Mr. Prabowo Subianto, Minister of Defence of Indonesia	26-28 July 2020	None
45.	Ms. Florence Parly, Minister for Armed Forces of France	10 September 2020	None
46.	Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, Chairman of the High Council of National Reconciliation of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan	06-11 October 2020	None
47.	Mr. Dominic Raab, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development of UK	14-17 December 2020	None
48.	Mr. Pradeep Kumar Gyawali, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal	14-16 January 2021	None
49.	Ms. Barbara Pompili, Minister for Ecological Transition of France	28 January-01 February 2021	1. Letter of Intent between the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) and the French Development Agency (AFD) for developing a floating solar plant of up to 150 MW 2. Credit Facility Agreement between Ministry of Finance and AFD for €250 million for the Surat Metro Rail Project
50.	Brig. Gen. Amir Hatami, Minister of Defence of Iran	02-04 February 2021	None
51.	Lt Gen Léon Jean Richard Rakotonirina, Minister of National Defence of Madagascar	03-05 February 2021	None
52.	Mr. Dhoihir Dhoulkamal, Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation of Comoros	03-05 February 2021	None
53.	Ms. Koyara Marie Noelle – Minister of National Defence of Central African Republic	03-05 Feb 2021	None
54.	Mr. Teodoro Nguema Obiang Mangue, Vice President of Equatorial Guinea	03-06 February 2021	1.MoU with Bharat Electronics Limited to explore the possibility of procurement of products from BEL.
55.	Ms. Elizabeth Truss, Secretary of State for International Trade of UK	05-10 February 2021	None
56.	Mr. Demeke Mekonnen, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister	17-19 February 2021	1. Visa Waiver agreement for diplomatic passport holders.

	of Ethiopia		2. MOU between Central Leather Research Institute CLRI-CSIR institute and Wollo University of Ethiopia.
57.	Mr. Marcos Pontes, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Federative Republic of Brazil	23 February-2 March 2021	None
58.	Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of UAE	25-26 February 2021	None
59.	Sheikh (Dr.) Ahmed Nasser Al-Mohammed Al-Sabah, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kuwait	17-18 March 2021	None
60.	Mohammad Haneef Atmar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan	22-23 March 2021	None
61.	Mr Suh Wook, Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Korea	25-27 March 2021	None
62.	Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bahrain	06-08 April 2021	None
63.	Mr. Osman Saleh, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Eritrea	07-12 April 2021	None
64.	Mr. Jean-Yves Le Drian, Minister of Foreign Affairs of France	13-15 April 2021	None
65.	Mr. Abdulla Shahid, Minister of Foreign affairs of Maldives	22-24 July 2021	1. Revised MoU for High Impact Community Development Project (HICDPs) for increasing the outlay to MVR 155 million.
66.	Dr. Hasan Mahmud, Minister of Information & Broadcasting of Bangladesh	06-07 September 2021	None
67.	Mr. Dan Jorgensen, Minister for Climate, Energy and Utilities of Denmark	06-10 September 2021	None
68.	Ms. Marise Payne, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Women of Australia	10-12 September 2021	None
69.	Mr. Peter Dutton, Minister for Defence of Australia		
70.	His Highness Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia	18-20 September 2021	None
71.	Mr. Nikola Selakovic, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia	19-20 September 2021	1.Agreement on Gainful Employment for Dependents of Members of Diplomatic Missions and Consular Posts.
72.	Mr. Fernando Luiz Gomez, Minister of Health of Colombia	27 September – 3 October 2021	1. Letter of Intent between Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), and the Ministry of Health & Social Protection & Ministry of Science, Technology & Innovation, Bogota, Colombia for collaboration in various areas of health and biomedical research. 2. Letter of Intent for cooperation in the field of Biotechnology.
73.	Mr. Dan Tehan, Minister of Trade, Tourism and Investment of Australia	30 September-2 October 2021	None
74.	Ms. Marta Lucia Ramirez, Vice President and Foreign Minister of Colombia	01-03 October 2021	1. Letter of Intent between Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), and the Ministry of Health & Social Protection & Ministry of

			Science, Technology & Innovation, Bogota, Colombia for collaboration in various areas of health and biomedical research. 2. Letter of Intent for cooperation in the field of Biotechnology.
75.	Ms. Mette Frederiksen, Prime Minister of Denmark	09-11 October 2021	1.MoU between Council of Scientific & Industrial Research- National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad (India), Aarhus University, Denmark and Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland on mapping of ground water resources and aquifers. 2.Joint Letter of Intent between Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of the Republic of India and The Government of Denmark. 3.Traditional Knowledge Digital Library Access Agreement between Council of Scientific & Industrial Research and Danish Patent and Trademark Office. 4.MoU between Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru and Danfoss Industries Private Limited to establish a Centre of Excellence towards natural refrigerants for tropical climates with potential applications.
76.	Mr. Namal Rajapaksa, Minister of Youth & Sports of Sri Lanka	20-21 October 2021	None
77.	Ms. Elizabeth Truss, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, and Minister for Women and Equalities of UK	22-24 October 2021	None
78.	Dr. Hasan Mahmud, Minister of Information & Broadcasting of Bangladesh	28 October 2021	None
79.	Rear Adm. Ali Shamkhani, Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council of Iran	10-11 November 2021	None
80.	Mr. Prem Bahadur Ale, Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation of Nepal	12 November 2021	None
81.	Ms. Mariya Didi, Minister of Defence of Maldives	23-28 November 2021	None
82.	Mr. Gombojav Zandanshatar, Chairman, State Great Khural of Mongolia	30 November- 05 December 2021	None
83.	Mr. Basil Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance of Sri Lanka	01-02 December 2021	None
84.	Mr Vuong Dinh Hue, Chairman of the National Assembly of Vietnam	16-19 Dec 2021	1.MoU on Extension of IT Cooperation. 2.MoU on Cooperation on Digital Library and Media between Lok Sabha Secretariat and National Assembly of Vietnam. 3.MoU on Scientific and Technical Cooperation in Marine Science and Marine Ecology. 4.Two letters of intents (LoIs) for Postal Cooperation and Digital Media Cooperation.
85.	Ms. Florence Parly, Minister for	17 December 2021	None

	Armed Forces of France		
86.	Lyonpo Loknath Sharma, Minister of Economic Affairs of Bhutan	06-14 January 2022	None
87.	Mr. Yeo Han-koo, Minister for Trade, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy of the Republic of Korea	09-12 January 2022	None
88.	Ms. Anne-Marie Trevelyan, Minister of Trade of UK	12-14 January 2022	None
89.	Mr. G.L. Peiris, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka	06-08 February 2022	None
90.	Mr. Dan Tehan, Minister of Trade, Tourism and Investment of Australia	09-13 February 2022	1.Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Cooperation in the Field of Tourism.
91.	Mr. Abdulla bin Touq Al Marri, Minister of Economy of UAE	18 February 2022	1. Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)
92.	Datuk Zuraida Kamaruddin, Minister for Plantation Industries & Commodities of Malaysia	21-22 February 2022	None
93.	Dr. Hasan Mahmud, Minister of Information & Broadcasting of Bangladesh	22-27 February 2022	None
94.	Mr. Magnus Heunicke, Minister of Health of Denmark	07-10 March 2022	None
95.	Mr. Basil Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance of Sri Lanka	15-17 March 2022	1. Extension of short term GoI LoC (or credit facility) of USD 1 Billion to Sri Lanka for procurement of goods, medicine and other essential items from India.
96.	Mr. Fumio Kishida, Prime Minister of Japan	19-20 March 2022	1. Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) in the field of Cybersecurity 2. Seven JICA Loans for projects in connectivity, water supply and sewerage, horticulture, healthcare, and biodiversity conservation in various States: a. Dedicated Freight Corridor Project (Phase 2) (III). b. North East Road Network Connectivity Improvement Project (NH208 (Khowai - Sabroom)) Phase 6. c. Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Project (Phase 3) (II). d. Uttarakhand Integrated Horticulture Development Project. e. Strengthening Health Systems and Excellence of Medical Education in Assam. f. Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project Phase –II. g. Chennai Metro (Phase 2) (II). 3(i) Amendment of Article 7 (Exchange of Information) of Implementing Agreement (IA) signed between India and Japan as per Article 13 of India-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).

			(ii) Amendment of Annex 2 (Product Specific rules) of CEPA to allow the fish surimi product of India with the non-originating additive to be considered as an originating good of India. 4. Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) on Decentralized Domestic Wastewater Management. 5. India-Japan Industrial Competitiveness Partnership Roadmap. 6. Memorandum of Cooperation on Sustainable Urban Development.
97.	Mr. Alexander Schallenberg, Federal Minister for European and International Affairs of Austria	19-21 March 2022	None
98.	Mr. Khairy Y. Amr, Minister of Investment of Jordan	21-24 March 2022	1. MoU between Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (JPMC) and India's Teesta Agro Industries Limited (TAIL) signed an MoU to establish a company worth $400 million to produce phosphoric acid and Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) fertilizer in Jordan. 2. Agreement between JPMC and M/s Oswal Agro Chemicals & Fertilizers Private Limited for supplying 500,000 tonnes of phosphates per year for a 10-year period.
99.	Mr. Nikos Dendias, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece	22-23 March 2022	1. Cultural and Educational Exchange Programme for the five year period 2022-2026. 2. Declaration of Intent on Migration and Mobility.
100.	Sayyid Badr Bin Hamad Bin Hamood Al Busaidi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Oman	23-24 March 2022	1. MoU between Oman Post and India Post for issuance of an Oman-India Joint Commemorative Stamp. 2. Programme of Scientific and Technological cooperation
101.	Mr Wang Yi, Minister of Foreign Affairs and State Councilor of China	24-25 March 2022	None
102.	Mr. Prem Bahadur Ale, Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation of Nepal	24-25 March 2022	None

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