

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 228
ANSWERED ON- 08/12/2022

VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

228. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of times the Prime Minister visited foreign countries since the last five years, the details thereof alongwith the number of days spent in each country;
- (b) whether the Prime Minister was accompanied by any delegation in these visits, if so, the details of persons who were part of the delegations in each visits;
- (c) the objectives and the outcomes of these visits during this period; and
- (d) the details of expenditure incurred in each of the above visits?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a), (b) & (d) Information placed at Annexure 1.

(c) The objective of Prime Minister's visits abroad has been to foster closer relations with foreign countries and promote India's engagements at regional and global level. Such visits are an important means by which India serves its national interest and implements foreign policy objectives. These visits have enhanced understanding of India's perspectives on regional and global issues among foreign partners at the highest level. Understandings reached during these visits have enabled India to strengthen relations with partner countries and put forward India's viewpoint and shape the global agenda on global issues such as reformed multilateralism, climate change, transnational crime, terrorism, cyber-security, etc.

Prime Minister's Visits Abroad (in last five years)

S. No.	Country and Expenditure	Duration	Accompanying Delegation
1.	Philippines ₹10,11,68,000	November 12-14, 2017	1. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 2. Dr. S. Jaishankar, Foreign Secretary 3. Smt. Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), MEA
2.	Davos, Switzerland ₹13,20,83,000	January 22-23, 2018	1. Dr. S. Jaishankar, Foreign Secretary 2. Shri Vijay K Gokhale, Foreign Secretary – designate 3. Shri Ramesh Abhishek, Secretary, DIPP– <i>separate travel arrangements</i>
3.	Palestine, UAE and Oman ₹9,59,64,000	February 09-12, 2018	1. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 2. Dr. S. Jaishankar, Foreign Secretary 3. Shri T S Tirumurti, Secretary (ER), MEA
4.	Sweden, UK and Germany ₹10,62,57,000	April 16-20, 2018	1. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 2. Shri Vijay K Gokhale, Foreign Secretary 3. Secretary (West), MEA
5.	China ₹6,07,46,000	April 26-28, 2018	1. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 2. Shri Vijay K Gokhale, Foreign Secretary
6.	Nepal ₹1,61,09,298	May 11-12, 2018	1. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 2. Shri Vijay K Gokhale, Foreign Secretary
7.	Sochi, Russia ₹7,26,38,000	May 21-22, 2018	1. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 2. Shri Vijay K Gokhale, Foreign Secretary
8.	Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore ₹10,21,84,000	May 29 – 2 June, 2018	1. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 2. Shri Vijay K Gokhale, Foreign Secretary 3. Shri Ramesh Abhishek, Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion- <i>Separate travel arrangement</i> 4. Shri Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), MEA
9.	Qingdao, China ₹7,83,56,000	June 9-10, 2018	1. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 2. Shri Vijay K Gokhale, Foreign Secretary 3. Smt. Ruchi Ghanashyam, Secretary (West), MEA
10.	Rwanda, Uganda and South Africa ₹14,11,76,000	July 23-28, 2018	1. Shri Vijay K Gokhale, Foreign Secretary 2. Shri T S Tirumurti, Secretary (ER), MEA
11.	Nepal IAF BBJ Aircraft	August 30-31, 2018	1. Gen (Dr) VK Singh, MOS for MEA 2. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 3. Shri Vijay K Gokhale, Foreign Secretary
12.	Japan ₹8,51,10,000	October 27-30, 2018	1. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 2. Shri Vijay K Gokhale, Foreign Secretary
13.	Singapore ₹5,20,40,000	November 14-15, 2018	1. Shri Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce and Industry - <i>separate travel arrangements</i> 2. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 3. Shri Vijay K Gokhale, Foreign Secretary 4. Smt. Vijay Thakur Singh, Secretary (East)
14.	Maldives ₹3,48,42,000	November 17, 2018	1. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 2. Shri Vijay K Gokhale, Foreign Secretary
15.	Argentina ₹15,59,83,000	November 28 – 3 December, 2018	1. Shri Vijay K. Gokhale, Foreign Secretary 2. Shri Subhash Garg, Secretary, Ministry of Finance
16.	Republic of Korea ₹9,48,38,000	February 21-22, 2019	1. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 2. Shri Vijay K Gokhale, Foreign Secretary 3. Smt. Vijay Thakur Singh, Secretary (East)
17.	Maldives and Sri Lanka	June 08-09, 2019	1. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 2. Shri Vijay K Gokhale, Foreign Secretary

	IAF BBJ Aircraft		
18.	Bishkek (Kyrgyz Republic) ₹9,37,11,000	June 13-14, 2019	1. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 2. Shri Vijay K Gokhale, Foreign Secretary
19.	Osaka (Japan) ₹9,91,62,000	June 27-29, 2019	1. Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister 2. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 3. Shri Suresh Prabhu, G-20 Sherpa - <i>separate travel arrangements</i> 4. Shri Vijay Keshav Gokhale, Foreign Secretary 5. Shri Subhash Chandra Garg, Finance Secretary and Secretary, D/o Economic Affairs
20.	Bhutan IAF BBJ Aircraft	August 17-18, 2019	1. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 2. Shri Vijay Keshav Gokhale, Foreign Secretary
21.	France, Bahrain and UAE ₹14,91,68,000	August 22-27, 2019	1. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 2. Shri Suresh Prabhu, G-7/G-20 Sherpa, - <i>separate travel arrangements</i> 3. Shri Vijay K Gokhale, Foreign Secretary 4. Shri T S Tirumurti, Secretary (ER), MEA
22.	Vladivostok, Russia ₹12,02,80,000	September 04-05, 2019	1. Shri Vijay K Gokhale, Foreign Secretary 2. Dr. Guru Prasad Mohapatra, Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Trade - <i>separate travel arrangements</i>
23.	USA ₹23,27,09,000	September 21-28, 2019	1. Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister 2. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 3. Shri V Muraleedharan, MOS for MEA- <i>separate travel arrangements</i> 4. Shri Vijay K Gokhale, Foreign Secretary 5. Shri Chandra Kishore Mishra, Secretary, M/o Environment & Forests- <i>separate travel arrangements</i> 6. Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Ambassador of India in USA- <i>on Houston-NewYork Sector</i> 7. Dr. M M Kutty, Secretary, M/o Petroleum- <i>separate travel arrangements</i> 8. Shri A Gitesh Sarma, Secretary (West), MEA- <i>separate travel arrangements</i> 9. Dr. Guruprasad Mohapatra, Secretary- Department for Promotion of Industry and Trade - <i>separate travel arrangements</i>
24.	Saudi Arabia ₹5,03,03,000	October 28-29, 2019	1. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 2. Shri Vijay K Gokhale, Foreign Secretary 3. Shri T S Tirumurti, Secretary (ER), MEA
25.	Thailand ₹6,68,34,000	November 02-04, 2019	1. Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister 2. Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways and Minister for Commerce & Industry- <i>separate travel arrangements</i> 3. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 4. Shri Vijay K Gokhale, Foreign Secretary 5. Shri Vijay Thakur Singh, Secretary (East), MEA
26.	Brazil ₹20,01,61,000	November 12-15, 2019	1. Shri Vijay K Gokhale, Foreign Secretary 2. Shri T S Tirumurti, Secretary (ER), MEA
27.	Bangladesh (Dhaka, Satkhira, Tungipara, Orakandi) <i>Expenditure</i>	26-27 March 2021	1. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 2. Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Foreign Secretary 3. Shri Arun Kumar Sinha, Dir SPG

	<i>being met from budget head of MHA</i>		
28.	USA (Washington & New York) <i>Expenditure being met from budget head of MHA</i>	September 22-26, 2021	1. Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister 2. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 3. Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Foreign Secretary 4. Shri Arun Kumar Sinha, Dir SPG 5. Shri Taranjit Singh Sandhu, Ambassador of India in USA – <i>Washington-New York on Special Flight</i>
29.	Rome, Italy (G20 Summit) and Glasgow, UK (COP 26) <i>Expenditure being met from budget head of MHA</i>	October 29 – November 02, 2021	1. Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister 2. Shri Piyush Goyal, G 20 Sherpa, Minister for Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs and Food and Public Distribution and Textiles 3. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 4. Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Foreign Secretary 5. Shri Rameshwar Prasad Gupta, Secretary, M/o Environment, Forest and Climate Change 6. Shri Arun Kumar Sinha, Dir SPG
30.	Germany, Denmark and France ₹2,15,61,304	02-04 May, 2022	1. Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Finance Minister- <i>separate travel arrangements</i> 2. Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister 3. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 4. Shri Jitendra Singh, MOS (IC) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences. 5. Shri Arun Kumar Sinha, Dir SPG 6. Shri Vinay Mohan Kwatra, Foreign Secretary 7. Shri Anurag Jain, Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade- <i>separate travel arrangements</i> 8. Shri Sanjay Verma, Secretary (West), MEA- <i>separate travel arrangements</i>
31.	Nepal	16 May, 2022	1. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 2. Shri Vinay Mohan Kwatra, Foreign Secretary 3. Shri Arun Kumar Sinha, Dir SPG
32.	Japan ₹1,39,06,172	22-25 May, 2022	1. Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister 2. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 3. Shri Vinay Mohan Kwatra, Foreign Secretary 4. Shri Arun Kumar Sinha, Dir SPG
33.	Germany and UAE ₹40,36,874	26-28 June, 2022	1. Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister 2. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 3. Shri Vinay Mohan Kwatra, Foreign Secretary 4. Shri Dammu Ravi, Secretary (ER), MEA
34.	Uzbekistan ₹34,85,681	15-16 September, 2022	1. Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister 2. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 3. Shri Arun Kumar Sinha, Dir SPG 4. Shri Vinay Mohan Kwatra, Foreign Secretary
35.	Japan ₹23,86,536	26-28 September, 2022	1. Shri Arun Kumar Sinha, Dir SPG 2. Shri Vinay Mohan Kwatra, Foreign Secretary
36.	Indonesia ₹32,09,760	14-16 November, 2022	1. Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister 2. Shri Ajit Doval, NSA 3. Shri Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa - <i>separate travel arrangements</i> 4. Shri Arun Kumar Sinha, Dir SPG 5. Shri Vinay Mohan Kwatra, Foreign Secretary

