

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-870
ANSWERED ON- 09/02/2023

EXPENDITURE ON FOREIGN TOURS

870. # SHRI NEERAJ DANGI

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

- (a) The details of foreign tours made by the Minister of External Affairs during the last one year and till date, country-wise;
- (b) the total amount spent by Government thereon and the matters discussed in the said tours;
- (c) the details of the benefits accrued to India from these foreign tours; and
- (d) the steps taken or being taken by Government to promote bilateral ties and make cordial relations with these countries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V MURALEEDHARAN)

(a & b) Information is placed at Annexure-I. As per available details, an amount of INR 5,25,91,827 was spent by the Government of India on these visits.

(c & d) The objective of 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 agenda on global issues such as reformed multilateralism, peace and security, climate change, transnational crime, terrorism, cyber-security, energy and food security, etc., while offering the world India's own unique solutions to partners for addressing global issues, like the International Solar Alliance and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure. 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 and put forward the interests of developing countries in forums like G20.

VISITS BY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER DURING LAST ONE YEAR

S. No.	Countries visited	Period of Visit
2022		
1.	Australia and Philippines	10-15 February, 2022
2.	Germany and France	18-23 February, 2022
3.	Maldives and Sri Lanka	26-30 March, 2022
4.	United States of America	11-12 April, 2022
5.	Bangladesh and Bhutan	28-30 April, 2022
6.	Slovakia and Czech Republic	02-06 June, 2022
7.	Indonesia	06-08 July, 2022
8.	Tashkent	28-29 July, 2022
9.	Cambodia	03-04 August, 2022
10.	Thailand	16-18 August, 2022
11.	Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina	22-27 August, 2022
12.	UAE	31 August- 02 September, 2022
13.	Japan	07-10 September, 2022
14.	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	10-12 September, 2022
15.	United States of America	18-28 September, 2022
16.	New Zealand and Australia	05-11 October, 2022
17.	Arab Republic of Egypt	15-16 October, 2022
18.	Russia	07-08 November, 2022
19.	Cambodia	11-13 November, 2022
20.	United States of America	13-15 December, 2022
2023		
1.	Cyprus and Austria	29 December 2022 - 03 January, 2023
2.	Maldives and Sri Lanka	18-20 January, 2023
