

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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VISITS BY FOREIGN DIGNITARIES TO INDIA

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

- (a) the details of foreign visits undertaken by the Prime Minister as well as External Affairs Minister during the last 3 years to till date and outcome thereof;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to further improve the relations with foreign countries and with bordering countries;
- (c) the details of visits by foreign dignitaries to India during the last one year and foreign visits by top officials from India during the same period; and
- (d) the details of the issues on which deliberations were held with these foreign dignitaries in India and abroad?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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(a to d) High level visits are important means to foster closer relations with foreign countries and promote India's engagements at bilateral, regional and global level. Through such visits India serves its national interest and implements people-centric foreign policy guided by the demands and aspirations of our society. These visits have enhanced understanding on bilateral, regional and global issues among foreign partners at the highest level. The high-level visits have been used to not only speak about India but speak as the voice of peace, security and prosperity for all. 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 also 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.

The steps taken by the Government to improve relations include its policies of Neighbourhood First, Act East, SAGAR, Link West to the Gulf and beyond, Connect Central Asia, engagement with Africa, FIPIC and reaching out to all major power and regional organisations.

Details of foreign visits undertaken by the Prime Minister in last 3 years is placed at Annexure I.

Details of foreign visits undertaken by the External Affairs Minister in last 3 years is placed at Annexure II.

Details of visits by foreign dignitaries to India in last 1 year is placed at Annexure III.

VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER DURING LAST THREE YEARS

S. No.	Name of Country	Duration
1.	Bangladesh	26-27 March, 2021
2.	USA	22-26 September, 2021
3.	Italy, UK	29 Oct – 02 Nov, 2021
4.	Germany, Denmark, France	02-04 May, 2022
5.	Nepal	16 May, 2022
6.	Japan	23-25 May, 2022
7.	Germany, UAE	26-28 June, 2022
8.	Uzbekistan	15-16 September, 2022
9.	Japan	26-27 September, 2022
10.	Indonesia	14-16 November, 2022
11.	Japan, Papua New Guinea, Australia	19 – 24 May, 2023
12.	USA, Egypt	20 – 25 June, 2023
13.	France, UAE	13-15 July, 2023

VISIT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER DURING LAST THREE YEARS

S. No.	Countries visited	Period of visit
2020		
1.	Iran	08 September 2020
2.	Russia	9-10 September 2020
3.	Japan	6-7 October 2020
4.	Bahrain	24-25 November 2020
5.	UAE	25-26 November 2020
6.	Seychelles	27-29 November 2020
7.	Qatar	27-28 December 2020
2021		
1.	Sri Lanka	05-07 January 2021
2.	Maldives	20 -21 February 2021
3.	Mauritius	21-24 February 2021
4.	Bangladesh	04 March 2021
5.	Tajikistan	29 March – 01 April 2021
6.	UAE	18-19 April 2021
7.	UK	03-06 May 2021
8.	USA	24-28 May 2021
9.	Kuwait, Kenya	09-14 June 2021
10.	Greece, Italy	25 June – 02 July 2021

11.	Russia, Georgia	07-10 July 2021
12.	Tajikistan, Uzbekistan	13-14 July 2021
13.	Iran	05-06 August 2021
14.	USA	16-19 August 2021
15.	Slovenia, Croatia, Denmark	02-06 September 2021
16.	Tajikistan	16-17 September 2021
17.	USA, Mexico	20 Sept – 02 Oct 2021
18.	Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Armenia	10-13 October 2021
19.	Israel	17-21 October 2021
20.	Italy, UK	29 Oct – 03 Nov 2021
21.	Dubai	13-14 November 2021
22.	Singapore	16-20 November 2021
2022		
1.	Australia, Philippines	10-15 February 2022
2.	Germany, France	18-23 February 2022
3.	Maldives, Sri Lanka	26-30 March, 2022
4.	USA	11-12 April 2022
5.	Bangladesh, Bhutan	28-30 April 2022
6.	Slovakia, Czech Republic	02-06 June 2022
7.	Indonesia	06-08 July 2022
8.	Uzbekistan	28-29 July 2022

9.	Cambodia	03-04 August 2022
10.	Thailand	16-18 August 2022
11.	Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina	22-27 August 2022
12.	UAE	31 Aug- 02 Sept 2022
13.	Japan	07-10 September 2022
14.	Saudi Arabia	10-12 September 2022
15.	USA	18-28 September 2022
16.	New Zealand, Australia	05-11 October 2022
17.	Egypt	15-16 October 2022
18.	Russia	07-08 November 2022
19.	Cambodia	11-13 November 2022
20.	Bhutan	8-9 December 2022
21.	USA	13-15 December 2022
2023		
1.	Cyprus, Austria	29 Dec 2022 - 03 Jan 2023
2.	Maldives, Sri Lanka	18-20 January 2023
3.	Fiji, Australia	15-18 February 2023
4.	Uganda	10-12 April 2023
5.	Ethiopia	13 April 2023
6.	Mozambique	13-15 April 2023
7.	Guyana	20-24 April 2023

8.	Panama	24-25 April, 2023
9.	Colombia	24-26 April 2023
10.	Dominican Republic	27-29 April 2023
11.	Bangladesh	11-12 May 2023
12.	Sweden	13–15 May, 2023
13.	Belgium	15-16 May 2023
14.	Japan	19-21 May 2023
15.	Australia	22-24 May 2023
16.	Brunei	30-31 May 2023
17.	South Africa	31 May- 4 June 2023
18.	Namibia	4-6 June 2023
19.	USA	20-21 June 2023
20.	Tanzania	5-8 July 2023
21.	Indonesia	12-15 July 2023
22.	Thailand	15-18 July 2023

Annexure-III**VISITS BY FOREIGN DIGNITARIES TO INDIA DURING LAST ONE YEAR**

S. No.	Name of visiting HOG/HOS	Period of visit
1.	H.E. Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, President of the Republic of Maldives	1-4 August 2022
2.	H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh	5-8 September 2022
3.	H.E. Mr. Chandrikapersad Santokhi, President of the Republic of Suriname	7-14 January 2023
4.	H.E. Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana	8-14 January 2023
5.	H.E. Mr. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt	24-26 January 2023
6.	H.E. Mr Olaf Scholz, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany	25-26 February, 2023
7.	H.E. Ms. Giorgia Meloni, President of the Council of Ministers of the Italian Republic	2-3 March 2023
8.	H.E. Mr. Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister of Australia	8-11 March 2023
9.	H.E. Mr. Kishida Fumio, Prime Minister of Japan	20-21 March, 2023
10.	His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, His Majesty the King of Bhutan	3-5 April 2023
11.	His Majesty Norodom Sihamoni, the King of Cambodia	29-31 May 2023
12.	H.E. Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda', Prime Minister of Nepal	31 May – 3 June 2023
13.	H.E Mr. Ranil Wickremesinghe, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka	20-21 July, 2023
