

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20/07/2023

FOREIGN VISITS OF THE PRIME MINISTER

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the private companies owners who accompanied the Prime Minister during his first visit to Canada and France;
- (b) the total amount spent by Government on the foreign tours of the Prime Minister during the last five years; and
- (c) the number of Indian private companies that have entered into business agreements with other countries during the foreign visits of the Prime Minister during the last five years, the details of top 10 companies?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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(a & c) The visits of Prime Minister abroad, from time to time, witness meetings of CEOs in a bilateral/ regional format or agreements/ understandings that are concluded by businesses. Significant developments that have come to the notice of government in this regard are listed below:

UAE (July 15, 2023)

Memorandum of Understanding for planning to establish Indian Institute of Technology – Delhi in Abu Dhabi

France (July 13-14, 2023)

- (1) Letter of Intent between Prasar Bharati and France Media Monde
- (2) MoU between Invest India and Business France
- (3) Agreement between Indian Oil Corporation Limited and M/s Total Energies Gas and Power Ltd (Total Energies) to establish a long-term LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement
- (4) Letter of Intent between NSIL and Arianespace intent to collaborate in commercial launch services

Egypt (June 24-25, 2023)

- (1) Announcement of Direct flight between Cairo-Delhi sector for more connectivity and business-to-business relations
- (2) Setting up a Centre of Excellence of Information Technology at the Dar Al Ifta, Cairo, with IIT Delhi collaboration

United States of America (June 20-23, 2023)

- (1) VSK Energy LLC: Investment: Up to US\$ 1.5 billion to develop a new, vertically integrated solar panel manufacturing operation in the United States, including a 2.0 GW module-and-cell manufacturing plant in Colorado.
- (2) Epsilon Carbon Limited: Investment: US\$ 650 million in a greenfield electric vehicle battery component factory.
- (3) Air India: Investment: Purchase of 200 American-made aircraft (Boeing), announced in February 2023
- (4) GE Aerospace signed an MOU with Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) under which they would manufacture jet engines in India for our Light Combat Aircraft.
- (5) Micron Technology , Inc made an announcement that it would invest upto US\$825 million to build a new semi-conductor assembly and test facility in India, with support from the Indian Government.
- (6) LAM Research is expected to train 60,000 Indian engineers to accelerate capacity building in the semiconductor domain in India.
- (7) Applied Materials (AMAT) would invest US\$ 400 million to establish a semiconductor collaborative engineering centre in India.
- (8) JSW Steel: Investment: US\$ 120 million investment at its Mingo Junction, Ohio, steel plant to support market demand for offshore wind labs.
- (9) Sterlite Technologies Limited: Investment: US\$ 100 million in the construction of an optical fiber cable manufacturing unit near Columbia, South Carolina.
- (10) Public-private cooperation between vendors and operators will be led by India's Bharat 6G Alliance and the U.S. Next G Alliance
- (11) First International Cooperative Research and Development Agreement between U.S. Department of Defense's Space Force and Indian start-ups 114 AI and 3rdiTech to work with General Atomics in the field of AI and semiconductors respectively.

Indonesia (14-16 November, 2022)

- (1) MoU between Himalaya Drug Companies and PT kalbe Farma
- (2) Tata from India and PT Pindad in Indonesia to collaborate for supply of TATA trucks
- (3) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to open its first overseas office in Jakarta, Indonesia with its representative from India.

Denmark (2-4 May 2022)

- (1) MoU between Projects and Development India Ltd. and Haldor Topsoe
- (2) MoU between Dalmia Cement and FLSmidth focusing of next generation of cement technology towards building a sustainable future with the goal of producing carbon neutral cement production by 2030.
- (3) MoU between Larsen and Toubro and DI Water focusing on positively impacting the business environment and sustainability in the water sector.
- (4) MoU between Larsen and Toubro and AVK to strengthen partnership in water and wastewater projects
- (5) Letter of Intent between Invest India and Technical University of Denmark to facilitate start-up collaboration

Saudi Arabia (28-29 October 2019)

- (1) MoU between Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Limited (ISPRL) and Saudi Aramco.
- (2) MoU for Cooperation between National Stock Exchange (NSE) and Saudi Stock Exchange (Tadawul)
- (3) MoU between National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Saudi Payments

Russia (Vladivostok) – 4-5 September 2019

- (1) Cooperation agreement between the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry the Roscongress Foundation.
- (2) Agreement on Cooperation between Joint-Stock Company Rosgeologia and SREI Infrastructure Finance Limited.
- (3) Agreement on the establishment of the Representative Offices, the Centre for Yoga and the Pushkin Center for Russian Language and Culture Studies between FEFU and AMITY University.

Bhutan (17-18 August 2019)

- (1) Power Purchase Agreement Between PTC India Limited and Druk Green Power Corporation Limited for Sale and Purchase of Mangdechhu Power

(b) As per information available, the expenditure on Prime Minister's overseas visit during the last five years is Rs. 2,54,87,01,373/-
