GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1192 ANSWERED ON- 01/08/2024

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO EXTERNAL AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS

1192. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is taking the help or consulting external private agencies, such as, Research Institutes, Think Tanks, other Institutions and Organisations for its various activities;
- (b) if so, the details of organisations and institutions that are associated with the Ministry; and
- (c) the details of funds that have been allocated to various organisations and institutions in the last five years, year-wise, along with the names of the organizations?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a) Yes, the Policy Planning and Research (PP &R) Division of the Ministry of External Affairs extends financial assistance for various foreign policy outreach initiatives, organizing collaborative conferences and seminars with various think tanks and universities, and for undertaking research projects on issues of interest to the Ministry.
- (b & c) Details of various organizations/institutions associated with Ministry and funds allocated to them in the last five years, year-wise, are placed at Annexure- I.

Annexure-I

Financial Year 2023-24

Sl. No.	Think-Tank/Organization	Financial Assistance provided (Rs.)	Purpose
1.	Observer Research Foundation	1,28,79,440	For organizing Raisina Dialogue 2023; Raisina Forum for Future of Diplomacy 2023; Research Project
2.	Carnegie Endowment for International Peace India	59,86,600	For organizing Global Technology Summit 2022
3.	Pune International Centre	45,78,719	For organizing Asia Economic Dialogue 2023
4.	Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis	40,46,692	Research Project
5.	Centre for China Analysis and Strategy	30,03,000	Research Project
6.	Ananta Aspen Centre	35,30,169	For organizing India-Japan Forum 2023 and India Korea Track 1.5 Strategic Dialogue 2022
7.	Chennai Centre for China Studies	17,54,000	Research Project
8.	Association of Indian Diplomats	17,17,615	For publishing 'Indian Foreign Affairs' Journal and Track 1.5 outreach activities
9.	The Energy Forum	27,40,817	For organizing the 1 st Purvodaya Perspectives Conference 2023
10.	Usanas Foundation	14,00,253	For organizing the Maharana Pratap Annual Geopolitics Dialogue 2023
11.	Delhi Policy Group	12,36,293	India-Japan Indo Pacific Forum 2023
12.	Vidya Prasarak Mandal's Centre for International Studies (Regd.)	9,13,739	National Seminar on 'India and Her Neighbours'
13.	Asian Confluence	8,99,582	India-Japan Intellectual Conclave 2023
14.	Policy 4.0 Foundation	1,24,600	Webinar on Blockchain Technology

Financial Year 2022-23

Sl. No.	Think-Tank/Organization	Financial Assistance provided (Rs.)	Purpose
1.	Observer Research Foundation	1,30,44,271	For organizing Raisina Dialogue 2022; Raisina Forum for Future of Diplomacy 2022
2.	India Foundation	1,24,35,000	Indian Ocean Conference 2021
3.	Ananta Aspen Centre	1,08,99,514	India-US Forum 2023; India-US Forum 2022; India-Europe Strategic Dialogue 2022; India- Europe Strategic Dialogue 2021; India-Korea Track 1.5 Strategic Dialogue 2021
4.	Carnegie Endowment for International Peace India	58,11,032	For organizing Global Technology Summit 2021
5.	Asian Confluence	44,35,000	NADI Dialogue 2022; Imphal Dialogue 2022
6.	Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis	35,62,456	Research Project
7.	Centre for China Analysis and Strategy	40,04,000	Research Project
8.	Chennai Centre for China Studies	19,96,000	Research Project
9.	Delhi Policy Group	19,31,711	India-Japan Indo Pacific Forum 2022
10.	United Services Institution	10,00,000	MEA Chair of Excellence for Research
11.	Vidya Prasarak Mandal's Centre for International Studies (Regd.)	5,57,260	National Seminar on 'Changing Contours of India US Relations'
12.	Gateway House: Indian Council of Global Relations	6,69,100	India France Track 1.5 Dialogue 2022
13.	Association of Indian Diplomats	4,36,069	For publishing 'Indian Foreign Affairs' Journal and Track 1.5 outreach activities

Financial Year 2021-22

Sl. No.	Think-Tank/Organization	Financial Assistance provided (Rs.)	Purpose
1.	Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis	65,15,539	Research Project
2.	Centre for China Analysis and Strategy	40,04,000	Research Project
3.	Ananta Aspen Centre	18,50,000	India-Japan Forum 2021
4.	Pune International Centre	19,57,779	Asia Economic Dialogue 2022; Asia Economic Dialogue 2021
5.	Delhi Policy Group	10,50,000	India-Japan Indo Pacific Forum 2021 and Reserach Study
6.	Association of Indian Diplomats	8,73,008	For publishing 'Indian Foreign Affairs' Journal and Track 1.5 outreach activities
7.	Institute of Social and Cultural Studies	8,18,547	Symposium on BIMSTEC: A Vehicle for Growth and Development
8.	Chennai Centre for China Studies	6,00,000	Research Project
9.	Policy 4.0 Foundation	53,400	Webinar on Blockchain Technology

Financial Year 2020-21

Sl. No.	Think-Tank/Organization	Financial Assistance provided (Rs.)	Purpose
1.	Observer Research Foundation	1,00,00,000	Raisina Dialogue 2020
2.	India Foundation	99,52,823	Indian Ocean Conference 2019
3.	Carnegie Endowment for International Peace India	95,00,000	Global Technology Summit 2020; Global Technology Summit 2019
4.	Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis	59,21,262	Research Project
5.	Pune International Centre	47,06,108	Asia Economic Dialogue 2020
6.	Centre for China Analysis and Strategy	40,04,000	Research Project
7.	Ananta Aspen Centre	37,52,085	India-US Forum 2020; India-Korea Track 1.5 Strategic Dialogue 2020; India-Korea Track 1.5 Strategic Dialogue 2019
8.	Jadavpur Association of International Relations	15,63,029	Conference on '50 years of India-Banlgadesh Relations'
9.	Association of Indian Diplomats	10,21,428	For publishing 'Indian Foreign Affairs' Journal and Track 1.5 outreach activities
10.	Impact Investors Council	5,50,000	Conference titled 'Prabhav' Impact Investment
11.	Vidya Prasarak Mandal's Centre for International Studies (Regd.)	3,34,803	Seminar on 'India's Neighbourhood First Policy'
12.	National Institute of Advance Studies	3,28,120	Strategic Security Threats of 21st Century
13.	Madurai Kamraj University	1,00,000	Conference on 'Navigating the Idea of Indo Pacific'

Financial Year 2019-20

Sl. No.	Think-Tank/Organization	Financial Assistance provided (Rs.)	Purpose
1.	Ananta Aspen Centre	46,92,350	India-US Forum 2019
2.	Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis	38,62,246	Research Project
3.	Centre for China Analysis and Strategy	36,40,000	Research Project
4.	Gateway House: Indian Council of Global Relations	19,66,830	India Canada Track 1.5 Dialogue 2018; India Canada Track 1.5 Dialogue 2019
5.	Pune International Centre	11,70,000	Asia Economic Dialogue 2020
6.	Delhi Policy Group	9,98,955	India-Japan Indo Pacific Forum 2020
7.	Association of Indian Diplomats	8,25,156	For publishing 'Indian Foreign Affairs' Journal and Track 1.5 outreach activities
8.	Chennai Centre for China Studies	6,00,000	Research Project
9.	Carnegie Endowment for International Peace India	1,97,500	India Strategy Forum Meeting
10	Indian Association for Asian & Pacific Studies	77,033	9 th Biennial IAAPS Conference
