

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3582

TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, THE 8th AUGUST, 2017

INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

3582 SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the **MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

- a) whether Indian Parliamentary delegation has recently visited Norway, Israel and Sweden for promoting and strengthening parliamentary relations between the countries; and
- b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof ?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE AND
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
(SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)**

(a) &(b):- Yes. As per the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs exchanges Government Sponsored Goodwill Delegations of Members of Parliament with a view to effectively project our policies and achievements in different fields with opinion makers in other countries and securing their confidence in favour of India. The Indian Goodwill Delegation of Parliamentarians led by Shri S.S. Ahluwalia, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Agriculture and Farmers Welfare consisting of 10 Members of Parliament of both the Houses(Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha) visited Sweden, Norway and Israel during 29th May, 2017 to 6th June, 2017. Details of Members of Parliament who accompanied the delegation are as under:-

- i. Shri S.S. Ahluwalia, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs & Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- ii. Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, MP (LS)
- iii. Dr. Heena Vijaykumar Gavit, MP (LS)
- iv. Shri Amdayala Paddu Jithender Reddy, MP (LS)
- v. Shri Chandrakant Bhaurao Khaire, MP (LS)
- vi. Shri Ram Kumar Verma, MP (RS)
- vii. Shri Manchacheri Kuppadakkath Raghavan, MP (LS)
- viii. Shri Palanivel Kumar, MP (LS)
- ix. Shri Chintakunta Munaiah Ramesh, MP (RS)
- x. Shri Mohammed Faizal Paddippura, MP (LS)
- xi. Shri Yerram Venkata Subba Reddy, MP (LS).

The delegation was able to create a very positive impact in the host countries. There was free and useful exchange of views, ideas with Parliamentary and Governmental authorities in these countries, and commitment to work together for mutual benefit and for a better world was developed. The delegation also met representatives of Indian people living in these countries – to enquire about their welfare. Overall, the visit was successful in strengthening friendly relations between these countries and India.