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VISITS BY FOREIGN DIGNITARIES

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

- (a) the details of visits by foreign dignitaries to India during the last four months till date;
- (b) the details of the issues on which deliberations were held with these foreign dignitaries;
- (c) whether any bilateral agreements were signed with them and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the foreign visits undertaken by the Prime Minister as well as External Affairs Minister during the above mentioned period along with discussion held and the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to further improve the relations with these countries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a to c) Information is placed at Annexure-I.

(d & e) Information is placed at Annexure-II. High level visits are important means to foster closer relations with foreign countries and promote India's engagements at regional and global level. Through such visits 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 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.

VISITS BY FOREIGN DIGNITARIES TO INDIA DURING THE LAST FOUR MONTHS

S. No.	Name of visiting HOG/HOS	Period of visit	Remarks
1.	H.E. Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana	08-14 January, 2023	Chief Guest at the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas at Indore.
2.	H.E. Mr. Chandrikapersad Santokhi, President of the Republic of Suriname	07-14 January, 2023	Special Guest of Honour at the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas.
3.	H.E. Mr. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt	24-26 January, 2023	1. MoU between the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team and the Egyptian Computer Emergency Readiness Team in the area of Cyber Security. 2. MoC in the fields of Information Technology between India and Egypt. 3. MoU in the field of Culture between India and Egypt. 4. MoU on Cooperation in Youth Matters between India and Egypt. 5. MoU for Cooperation on Broadcasting between Prasar Bharati, India and National Media Authority, Egypt
4.	H.E. Mr. Olaf Scholz, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany	25-26 February, 2023	1. Letter of Intent between Department of Science & Technology and Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems for Cooperation in Green Hydrogen and Clean Energy Technologies. 2. MoU between Skill Council of Green Jobs and Bundesverband Solarwirtschaft e.V.
5.	H.E. Ms. Giorgia Meloni, Prime Minister of the Italian Republic	02-03 March, 2023	1. Declaration of Intent (DOI) on Migration and Mobility. 2. MoU between Rabindra Bharti University Kolkata and Italian Consulate General in Kolkata on promotion of learning of Italian language.
6.	H.E. Mr. Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister of Australia to India	08-11 March, 2023	1. MoU on Cooperation in Sports, 2. Agreement on Audio-Visual Co-production, 3. Agreement on establishing Mechanism on Mutual Recognition of Education and Skills Qualifications.

VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER DURING THE LAST FOUR MONTHS

S. No.	Name of Country	Period of visit
1.	Indonesia	14-16 November, 2022

VISITS BY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER DURING THE LAST FOUR MONTHS

S. No.	Name of Country	Period of visit
1.	Russia	07-08 November, 2022
2.	Cambodia	11-13 November, 2022
3.	USA	13-15 December, 2022
4.	Cyprus	29-31 December 2022
5.	Austria	31 December 2022 - 03 January, 2023
6.	Maldives	18-19 January, 2023
7.	Sri Lanka	18-19 January, 2023
8.	Fiji	15-17 February, 2023
9.	Australia	18 February 2023
