

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 999
ANSWERED ON 08/12/2023

VISITS BY FOREIGN DIGNITARIES

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SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

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

- (a) the details of visits by foreign dignitaries to India during the last one year till date;
- (b) the issues on which deliberations were held with them;
- (c) whether any bilateral agreements were signed with them and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of visits undertaken by the Prime Minister as well as External Affairs Minister during the above period;
- (e) the details of discussions held and the outcome thereof; and
- (f) 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 f) 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. They 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.

Details of visits by foreign dignitaries to India during the last one year is placed at Annexure I.

Details of foreign visits undertaken by the Prime Minister during the last one year is placed at Annexure II.

Details of foreign visits undertaken by the External Affairs Minister during the last one year is placed at 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. Mr. Chandrikapersad Santokhi, President of the Republic of Suriname	7-14 January 2023
2.	H.E. Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana	8-14 January 2023
3.	H.E. Mr. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt	24-26 January 2023
4.	H.E. Mr Olaf Scholz, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany	25-26 February, 2023
5.	His Royal Highness Frederik André Henrik Christian, the Crown Prince of Denmark	26 February- 2 March, 2023
6.	H.E. Ms. Giorgia Meloni, President of the Council of Ministers of the Italian Republic	2-3 March 2023
7.	H.E. Mr. Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister of Australia	8-11 March 2023
8.	H.E. Mr. Kishida Fumio, Prime Minister of Japan	20-21 March, 2023
9.	His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, His Majesty the King of Bhutan	3-5 April 2023
10.	His Majesty Norodom Sihamoni, the King of Cambodia	29-31 May 2023
11.	H.E. Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda', Prime Minister of Nepal	31 May – 3 June 2023
12.	H.E Mr. Ranil Wickremesinghe, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka	20-21 July, 2023
13.	1. H.E. Mr. Bola Ahmed Tinubu, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 2. H.E. Mr. Alberto Fernández, President of Argentine Republic 3. H.E. Ms. Giorgia Meloni, Prime Minister of Italy 4. H.E. Mr. Azali Assoumani, President of the Union of Comoros and President of the African Union 5. H.E. Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa, President of South Africa 6. H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh 7. H.E. Mr. Rishi Sunak, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom 8. H.E. Mr. Fumio Kishida, Prime Minister of Japan 9. H.E. Mr. Suk Yeol Yoon, President of the Republic of Korea 10. H.E. Mr. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic	9-10 September, 2023

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	of Egypt 11. H.E. Mr. Anthony Albanese, Prime Minister of Australia 12. H.E. Mr. Joe Biden, President of the United States of America 13. H.E. Mr. Justin Pierre James Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada 14. HH Shaikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates 15. H.E. Mr. Mark Rutte, Prime Minister of Netherlands 16. H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of Turkiye 17. H.E. Mr. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, President of Brazil 18. H.E. Mr. Joko Widodo, President of Republic of Indonesia 19. H.E. Mr. Pedro Sanchez Perez Castejon, President of the Government of Spain 20. H.E. Mr. Olaf Scholz, Federal Chancellor of Germany 21. H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Macron, President of France 22. H.E. Mr. Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius 23. H.E. Mr. Hsien Loong Lee, Prime Minister of Singapore	
14.	His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	8-11 September, 2023
15.	H.E. Samia Suluhu Hassan, the President of the United Republic of Tanzania	8-10 October 2023
16.	His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, King of Bhutan	3-9 November 2023
17.	H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto, the President of the Republic of Kenya	4-6 December, 2023

VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER DURING LAST ONE YEAR

S. No.	Name of Country	Duration
1.	Indonesia	14-16 November, 2022
2.	Japan, Papua New Guinea, Australia	19 – 24 May, 2023
3.	USA, Egypt	20 – 25 June, 2023
4.	France, UAE	13-15 July, 2023
5.	South Africa, Greece	22-26 August, 2023
6.	Indonesia	6-7 September, 2023
7.	UAE	30 November- 1 December, 2023

VISIT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER DURING LAST ONE YEAR

1	Cambodia	11-13 November 2022
2	Bhutan	8-9 December 2022
3	USA	13-15 December 2022
4	Cyprus	29 Dec 2022- 31 December 2022
5	Austria	31 December 2022- 3 January 2023
6	Maldives	18-19 January 2023
7	Sri Lanka	19-20 January 2023
8	Fiji	14-17 February 2023
9	Australia	17-19 February 2023
10	Uganda	10-12 April 2023
11	Ethiopia	13 April 2023
12	Mozambique	13-15 April 2023
13	Guyana	20-24 April 2023
14	Panama	24-25 April, 2023
15	Colombia	24-26 April 2023
16	Dominican Republic	27-29 April 2023
17	Bangladesh	11-12 May 2023
18	Sweden	13-15 May, 2023
19	Belgium	15-16 May 2023
20	Japan	19-21 May 2023
21	Australia	22-24 May 2023
22	Brunei	30-31 May 2023
23	South Africa	31 May- 4 June 2023
24	Namibia	4-6 June 2023
25	USA	20-21 June 2023
26	Tanzania	5-8 July 2023

27	Indonesia	12-15 July 2023
28	Thailand	15-18 July 2023
29	Indonesia	07 September 2023
30	USA	22-30 September 2023
31	Sri Lanka	10-12 October 2023
32	Vietnam	15-18 October 2023
33	Singapore	18-21 October 2023
34	Kyrgyzstan	25-26 October 2023
35	Portugal	31 October- 1 November 2023
36	Italy	2-3 November 2023
37	United Kingdom	11-15 November 2023
