

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.465**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.11.2019

**VISIT BY DIGNITARIES**

465. Dr Amol Ramsing Kolhe:  
Shri Sunil Dattaray Tatkare:  
Dr. Subhash Ramrao Bhamre:  
Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma:  
Shrimati Supriya Sule:  
Shri AKP Chinraj:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of foreign trips undertaken by the Prime Minister of India, External Affairs Minister and other dignitaries during each of the last three months and the current month, country-wise;
- (b) the details of foreign dignitaries who visited India during the last three months and the current months, country-wise;
- (c) the total amount of funds spent by the Government on the said visits;
- (d) the areas identified for co-operation and discussions held during the said visits;
- (e) the agreements and MoU signed and the advantages to the country as a result thereof;
- (f) the details of the benefits accrued to India by visiting these countries; and
- (g) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost the bilateral relations with these foreign countries?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

- (a) Information is placed at Annexure 1
- (b) Information is placed at Annexure 2
- (c) Information is placed at Annexure 3
- (e) Information is placed at Annexure 4

(d), (f) and (g) High level visits are an important means by which nations serve their national interests and implement their foreign policy objectives. Visits by dignitaries enable enhanced understanding of India's perspectives on regional and global issues among foreign partners at the highest level.

These visits and the understandings 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.

At the multilateral level, India is increasingly contributing to shaping the global agenda on an array of cross-cutting issues such as climate change, trans-national crime & terrorism, cyber security & nuclear non-proliferation, while also offering the world, India's

own unique solutions to global partners for addressing global issues, like the International Solar Alliance and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure.

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**Visits by President, Vice President, Prime Minister, External Affairs Minister and MOS for External Affairs (Aug– Nov 2019)**

	<b>Dignitary</b>	<b>Countries visited</b>	<b>Period of visit</b>
1	President	Benin, The Gambia and Guinea	28 July - 3 Aug 2019
2	President	Iceland, Switzerland and Slovenia	9-17 Sept 2019
3	President	Philippines and Japan	17-23 Oct 2019
4	Vice President	Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia	17-22 Aug 2019
5	Vice President	Comoros and Sierra Leone	10-14 Oct 2019
6	Vice President	Azerbaijan	25-26 Oct 2019
7	Prime Minister	Bhutan	17 – 18 Aug 2019
8	Prime Minister	France, UAE and Bahrain	22 – 27 Aug 2019
9	Prime Minister	Russia	4 -6 Sept 2019
10	Prime Minister	USA	21 – 28 Sept 2019
11	Prime Minister	Saudi Arabia	28-29 Oct 2019
12	Prime Minister	Thailand	2-4 Nov 2019
13	Prime Minister	Brazil	13-14 Nov 2019
14	External Affairs Minister	Thailand	1-2 Aug 2019
15	External Affairs Minister	China	11-13 Aug 2019
16	External Affairs Minister	Bangladesh and Nepal	21-22 Aug 2019
17	External Affairs Minister	Hungary, Russia and Poland	25-31 Aug 2019
18	External Affairs Minister	Maldives	3-4 Sept 2019
19	External Affairs Minister	Indonesia and Singapore	4-10 Sept 2019
20	External Affairs Minister	Finland	19-21 Sept 2019
21	External Affairs Minister	USA	22 Sept - 2 Oct 2019
22	External Affairs Minister	Azerbaijan	23-26 Oct 2019
23	External Affairs Minister	Thailand	2-4 Nov 2019
24	External Affairs	Serbia	7-9 Nov 2019

	Minister		
25	External Affairs Minister	Netherlands	9-11 Nov 2019
26	External Affairs Minister	France	11-12 Nov 2019
27	MOS for External Affairs	Peru, Dominican Republic and Argentina	22-29 Aug 2019
28	MOS for External Affairs	Cameroon, Togo and Cote d'Ivoire	3-6 Sept 2019
29	MOS for External Affairs	Kuwait and Iraq	14-17 Sept 2019
30	MOS for External Affairs	USA	22-28 Sept 2019
31	MOS for External Affairs	Sweden	2-4 Oct 2019
32	MOS for External Affairs	Vatican	12-13 Oct 2019
33	MOS for External Affairs	Zambia and UAE (Dubai)	14-18 Oct 2019
34	MOS for External Affairs	Reunion Islands	23-24 Oct 2019
35	MOS for External Affairs	UAE	6-7 Nov 2019
36	MOS for External Affairs	Kazakhstan	11-12 Nov 2019

**Visits to India by dignitaries (Aug – Nov 2019)**

	<b>Dignitary</b>	<b>Period of visit</b>
1	Mr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of Zambia	20-22 Aug 2019
2	Dr. Ralph E. Gonsalves, Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines	8-12 Sept 2019
3	Mr. Charles Peter David, Foreign Minister of Grenada	11-18 Sept 2019
4	Mr. Khaltmaagiin Battulga, President of Mongolia	19-23 Sept 2019
5	Sheikh Hasina Prime Minister of Bangladesh	3-6 Oct 2019
6	Mr. Julian Ventura Valero, Deputy Foreign Minister of Mexico	7 Oct 2019
7	Mr. Don Pramudwinai, Foreign Minister of Thailand	9-11 Oct 2019
8	Mr. Xi Jinping, President of China	11-12 Oct 2019
9	King Willem-Alexander of Netherlands	13-18 Oct 2019
10	Mr. Denis Moncada Colindres, Foreign Minister of Nicaragua	27-29 Oct 2019
11	Mr. Delsy Rodriguez, Vice President of Venezuela	30 Oct - 2 Nov 2019
12	Dr. Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany	31 Oct – 2 Nov 2019
13	Mr. Pekka Haavisto, Foreign Minister of Finland	4-7 Nov 2019
14	Prince of Wales	13-16 Nov 2019

**Visits by dignitaries (Sept – Nov 2019)**

	<b>Dignitary</b>	<b>Expenditure on chartering of flights</b>
1	President	Bills of Chartered Flights have not yet been received from Air India
2	Vice President	Rs 26.94 Crore (Aug-Oct 2019)
3	Prime Minister	Bills of Chartered Flights have not yet been received from Air India

	<b>Dignitary</b>	<b>Expenditure on commercial and chartered flights</b>
1.	EAM	Being Collated
2.	MOS	Being Collated

## Agreements/MoUs signed (Aug-Nov 2019)

	Country	Agreements / MOUs
1	Republic of Guinea Aug 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. MoU on Cooperation in the field of Traditional system of Medicine &amp; Homeopathy</li> <li>2. MoU between Guinea &amp; TCIL for participation in the e-VBAB Network Project.</li> <li>3. MoU in the field of renewable energy</li> </ol>
2	China Aug 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Plan of Action to Implement the Protocol between the Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China on Cooperation in Bilateral Relations, 2020</li> <li>2. MoU on Sports Cooperation between the General Administration of Sports of People's Republic of China and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Republic of India</li> <li>3. Programme of Cultural Exchange</li> <li>4. MoU between National Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine of the People's Republic of China and Ministry of Ayush of the Republic of India concerning cooperation in Traditional Medicine</li> <li>5. MoU Between Hubei Provincial Museum and the National Museum, New Delhi</li> </ol>
3	Estonia Aug 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agreement for waiver of visas for diplomatic passport holders</li> </ol>
4	Zambia Aug 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. MoU on Defence Cooperation;</li> <li>3. MoU on Cooperation in the field of Geology and Mineral Resources;</li> <li>4. MoU on Cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine;</li> <li>5. MoU on Art &amp; Culture;</li> <li>6. MoU between the Foreign Service Institute of India and Zambian Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies;</li> <li>7. MoU on Cooperation in the field of Elections between the Election Commission of India and the Electoral Commission of Zambia.</li> <li>8. MoU for Zambia's participation in e.VBAB (tele-education, telemedicine)</li> </ol>
5	Hungary Aug 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cultural Exchange Programme between India and Hungary for the period 2019-22.</li> </ol>
6	Russia Sept 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Joint Statement "Reaching New Heights of Cooperation through Trust and Partnership".</li> <li>2. Joint Strategy for the Enhancement of India- Russia Trade and Investments.</li> <li>3. Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and Government of the Russian Federation and on the cooperation in the production of spare parts for Russian/Soviet military equipment.</li> <li>4. Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Russian Federation on Cooperation in Audiovisual Co-production.</li> <li>5. MoU between the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation on bilateral cooperation in the road transport and road industry.</li> <li>6. Memorandum of Intent between the Ministry of Shipping of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation on the Development of Maritime Communications between the Port of Chennai, Republic of India and the Port of Vladivostok, Russian Federation.</li> <li>7. Plan for cooperation between the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, Ministry of Finance, Republic of India and the Federal Customs Service (Russian Federation), for combating customs violations in 2019-2022.</li> <li>8. MoU between the Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas of the Republic of India on the use of Natural Gas for Transportation.</li> <li>9. Program between the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation on expansion of cooperation in oil and gas sector.</li> <li>10. MoU between Coal India Limited and Far East Investment and Export Agency to cooperate in coking coal mining projects implementation in the Russian Far East.</li> <li>11. Cooperation Agreement between Invest India and the Russian Direct Investment Fund for Investment Collaboration.</li> <li>12. Cooperation agreement between the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry the Roscongress Foundation.</li> <li>13. MoU between the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry and</li> </ol>

		<p>the Autonomous Non-profit Organization Agency for Strategic Initiatives to promote New Projects.</p> <p>14. MoU between the Joint Stock Company NOVATEK and PETRONET LNG Limited on cooperation with respect to the joint development of downstream LNG Business and LNG supplies.</p> <p>15. Agreement on Cooperation between Joint-Stock Company Rosgeologia and Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited;</p>
7	Slovenia Sept 2019	<p>1. Programme of Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Ministry of Science and Technology of India and the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of Slovenia for the period 2020-2022</p> <p>2. MoU on Cooperation in the field of Sport between the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of India and the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of Slovenia</p> <p>3. Programme of Cooperation in the fields of Culture, Arts, Education, Sports and Mass Media</p> <p>4. Programme of Cooperation between the Bureau of Indian Standards and the Slovenian Institute for Standardization on Technical Cooperation in the field of Standardization</p> <p>5. MoU between Invest India and SPIRIT Slovenia</p> <p>6. MoU between IIT Kanpur (for cGanga / India) and VGB (Slovenia)</p> <p>7. MoU between IIT Kanpur (for cGanga / India) and Space-SI (Slovenia)</p> <p>8. Cooperation Agreement between Chamber Of Commerce And Industry Of Slovenia and the Associated Chambers Of Commerce And Industry Of India</p>
8	Mongolia Sept 2019	<p>1. Cultural Exchange Programme (2019-23)</p> <p>2. MoU in the field of Disaster Management and Disaster Risk Reduction.</p> <p>3. MoU on Cooperation and Usage of Outer Space for peaceful and civilian purposes</p> <p>4. Comprehensive Work Plan for cooperation in the field of Animal Health and Dairy.</p>
9	St. Vincent and the Grenadines Sept 2019	<p>1. MoU on Visa waiver on diplomatic and official passport</p> <p>2. ISA Framework agreement</p> <p>3. MoU on Traditional System of Medicines</p>
10	Comoros Oct 2019	<p>1. MoU on Exemption of Visa Diplomatic and Official / Service Passport Holders.</p> <p>2. MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Arts &amp; Culture.</p> <p>3. MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Defence.</p> <p>4. MoU for Cooperation in the Field of Health &amp; Medicine.</p> <p>5. Protocol for Consultations between India and Comoros.</p> <p>6. MoU for Participation in the e-VBAB Network Project.</p>
11	Sierra Leone Oct 2019	<p>1. Cultural Exchange Programme between Sierra Leone &amp; India for 2019-23</p> <p>2. Agreement between India &amp; Sierra Leone on the establishment of a Joint Commission</p> <p>3. Protocol for Consultations between Sierra Leone &amp; MEA</p> <p>4. MoU between Sierra Leone &amp; FSI, MEA</p> <p>5. MoU between Sierra Leone &amp; TCIL for participation in the e-VBAB Network Project</p> <p>6. LoC of USD \$ 30 million for irrigation development project in Sierra Leone.</p>
12	Bangladesh Oct 2019	<p>1. MoU for providing a Coastal Surveillance System</p> <p>2. Standard Operating Procedure on the use of Chattogram and Mongla Ports for Movement of goods to and from India.</p> <p>3. MoU on withdrawal of 1.82 cusec of water from Feni River by India for drinking water supply scheme for Sabroom town, Tripura, India</p> <p>4. Agreement concerning Implementation of the Lines of Credit committed by India to Bangladesh.</p> <p>5. MoU between University of Hyderabad and University of Dhaka</p> <p>6. Renewal of Cultural Exchange Programme</p> <p>7. MoU on Co-operation in Youth Affairs</p>
13	Saudi Arabia Oct 2019	<p>1. Strategic Partnership Council Agreement</p> <p>2. MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Renewable Energy between Saudi Ministry of Energy and Ministry of New &amp; Renewable Energy of India</p> <p>3. Agreement on Security Cooperation</p> <p>4. MoU for Cooperation in the field of combating illicit trafficking and smuggling of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and chemical precursors.</p> <p>5. MoU between Saudi General Authority of Military Industries and Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence concerning collaboration in military acquisition, industries, research, development and technology</p> <p>6. MoU for Cooperation in the field of Civil Aviation</p>



		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. MoU between Central Drugs Standard Control Organization, Ministry of Health &amp; Family Welfare and Saudi Food &amp; Drug Authority for Cooperation in the field of medical products regulations</li> <li>8. Letter of Intent between Small and Medium Enterprises General Authority (Monshaat) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, of the Republic of India</li> <li>9. Cooperation Programme between Foreign Service Institute, MEA and Prince Saud Al Faisal Institute of Diplomatic Studies of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia</li> <li>10. MoU between Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Limited and Saudi Aramco.</li> <li>11. MoU for Cooperation between National Stock Exchange and Saudi Stock Exchange (Tadawul)</li> <li>12. MoU between National Payments Corporation of India and Saudi Payments</li> </ol>
14	Germany Nov 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Joint Declaration of Intent on Consultations for the period 2020-2024</li> <li>2. Joint Declaration of Intent of Regarding Cooperation on Strategic Projects</li> <li>3. Joint Declaration of Intent on Indo-German Partnership for Green Urban Mobility</li> <li>4. Joint Declaration of Intent for Joint Cooperation in Research &amp; Development on Artificial Intelligence</li> <li>5. Joint Declaration of Intent regarding the cooperation in the field of prevention of marine litter</li> <li>6. Implementing Arrangement for Exchange of Personnel between ISRO and German Aerospace Centre</li> <li>7. Joint Declaration of Intent on Cooperation in the Field of Civil Aviation</li> <li>8. Joint Declaration of Intent on Cooperation within the International Smart Cities Network</li> <li>9. Joint Declaration of Intent between on Cooperation in the Field of Skills Development and Vocational Education and Training</li> <li>10. Declaration of Intent on Strengthening Economic Cooperation in the field of Start-ups</li> <li>11. Joint Declaration of Intent on the Establishment of Bilateral Cooperation Project regarding Agricultural Market Development</li> <li>12. MoU in the field of Occupational Diseases, Re-habilitation and vocational training of Insured Persons &amp; workers with disabilities</li> <li>13. MoU for Cooperation in Inland, Coastal and Maritime Technology</li> <li>14. MoU to promote, establish and expand scientific and technological research cooperation</li> <li>15. MoU on Establishment of an Academic Collaboration in Ayurveda, Yoga and Meditation</li> <li>16. Addendum to the MoU between India and Germany on Cooperation in the Field of Higher Education for Extension of the period of Indo-German Partnership in Higher Education</li> <li>17. MoU between National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management MANAGE and the German Agricultural Academy DEULA in the city of Nienburg on collaboration in agricultural technical and professional training</li> <li>18. Joint Declaration of Intent between Siemens Limited, India and MSDE and German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development on Skills for Sustainable Growth</li> <li>19. MoU on the Extension of Indo-German Partnership in Higher Education</li> <li>20. MoU regarding cooperation between the National Museum, the National Gallery of Modern Art, the Indian Museum Kolkata, the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation and the Stiftung Humboldt Forum in Berliner Schloss</li> <li>21. MoU between All India Football Federation and Deutscher Fußball-Bund e.V</li> <li>22. Statement of Intent on the key elements of the Indo-German Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement</li> </ol>
15	Netherlands Oct 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. MoU between the State Archives Department, Govt. of Kerala and the National Archives of The Netherlands on the Execution of the Shared Cultural Heritage Programme</li> <li>2. MoU between the Government of Kerala and Port of Rotterdam, The Netherlands</li> <li>3. MoU between Maharashtra Maritime Board and Port of Rotterdam, The Netherlands</li> <li>4. MoU between India and Netherlands regarding the Mutual Protection of Classified Information</li> </ol>
16	Serbia Nov 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agreement on Defence Cooperation between India and Serbia</li> </ol>

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