

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4045  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2020**

**PUBLIC DIPLOMACY**

**4045. SHRI. MANISH TEWARI**

**Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of Public Diplomacy budget of MEA year-wise from April 2014 to March 2020;
- (b) whether the MEA fund Think Tanks, Research Organizations, Foundations for Profit or Non Profit and/or Government/quasi Government organizations from its Public Diplomacy Budget or any other budgetary head and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of money given to each think tank/Research Organization/ Foundation/ Government or quasi Government organization including the specific activity for which these funds are provided year wise/ activity wise/ Think Tank/ Research organization/ Government or quasi Government organization wise clearly delineating the amount given and the purpose for which it has been given/spent from April 2014 to December 2019;
- (d) whether the MEA conducted any study or commissioned any study as to how these spends have furthered India's strategic, tactical or even diplomatic interests; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Details of Public Diplomacy budget of Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) year wise is placed below;

<i>(value in Rs. Crores)</i>		
Year	BE	RE
2014-15	24.00	21.60
2015-16	22.00	20.29
2016-17	20.30	20.08
2017-18	21.66	20.55
2018-19	21.87	15.65
2019-20	23.05	18.71

- (b) & (c) Yes . The Policy Planning and Research (PP &R) Division of MEA supports autonomous bodies such as the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) and the Research and Information Systems (RIS). It also supports events, studies, conferences and seminars by various think tanks and institutions. MEA participates in and supports major conferences including Raisina Dialogue, Indian Ocean Conference, Global Technology Summit, India-US Forum and West Asia Conference.

Details of money given to various think tanks, research organizations and universities from April 2014 to December 2019 are enclosed as **Annexure A.**

(d) & (e) MEA regularly assess the utilization of funds to ensure accountability and optimum results achieved from such outreach.

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## EXTERNAL FUNDING TO RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS

S No	Institute	Financial Year						Total
		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (upto December 2019)	
<b>AUTONOMOUS BODIES</b>								
1	<b>ICWA</b>	10,05,00,000/- (Grant-in-Aid)	11,50,00,000/- (Grant-in-Aid)	12,97,00,000/- (Grant-in-Aid)	14,66,00,000/- (Grant-in-Aid)	16,70,00,000/- (Grant-in-Aid)	11,24,00,000/- (Grant-in-Aid)	79,03,13,559/-
				32,96,203/- (HoTT b/w India & Russia)	45,67,356/- (2 <sup>nd</sup> India-China Think Tank Forum)			
				1,12,50,000/- (Bridging the Gulf Dialogue)				
2	<b>RIS</b>	5,28,00,000/-	5,85,00,000/-	6,90,00,000/- (Grant-in-Aid)	8,65,00,000/- (Grant-in-Aid)	12,00,00,000/- (Grant-in-Aid)	9,00,00,000/- (Grant-in-Aid)	49,87,27,355/-
				2,43,703/- ( A study on India's development programme in Africa)				
				41,58,163/- (FIDC regional consultations)		1,57,94,550/- (payments for Delhi Process, FIDC, BRICS and IBSA activities)	17,30,939/- (payments for Delhi Process, and FIDC activities)	
3	<b>IDSA</b>	12,95,124/- (PoK Project)	5,25,000/- (3 <sup>rd</sup> India-Japan-South Korea Trilateral Dialogue)	12,17,275/- (PoK Project)		5,00,346/- (3 <sup>rd</sup> West Asia conference)		90,20,164/-
			3,84,000/- (Project on MTCR, Wassenaar Agreement and Indian Industry)	15,42,419/- (Pakistan News Digest)		31,56,000/- (PoK and Pakistan New Digest)		
			4,00,000/- (2 <sup>nd</sup> West Asia Conference)					
4	<b>ICRIER</b>		12,78,750/- (India-Japan Track 1.5 Conference)	10,00,000/- (Grant-in-Aid)				22,78,750/-
5	<b>ICM</b>			-	-	-	-	

6	<b>National Maritime foundation</b>			8,91,265/- (IORA meeting of experts)	-	-	-	8,91,265/-
<b>THINK TANKS</b>								
1	<b>Centre for Canadian, US &amp; Latin American Studies, New Delhi</b>	4,02,000/- (Seminar on synergy building in Indo-US Relations)						4,02,000/-
2	<b>Gateway House</b>			26,97,042/- (T20 Conference 2016)	23,05,182/- (Gateway Geo-Economic Dialogue 2018)	10,81,342/- (2 <sup>nd</sup> India-Canada Track 1.5 Dialogue)		1,09,63,670/-
				48,80,104/- (Gateway Geo-Economic Dialogue 2017)				
3	<b>Institute of Chinese Studies</b>			98,00,000/-				1,34,00,000
				36,00,000/- (1 <sup>st</sup> India-China Think Tank Forum 2016)				
4	<b>Observer Research Foundation</b>	3,02,000/- (India-France Policy Planning Dialogue)		80,00,000/- (Raisina Dialogue 2017)	99,63,427/- (Raisina Dialogue 2018)	99,18,114/- (Raisina Dialogue 2019)		4,46,29,202/-
				47,89,282/- (Payments for Blue Economy Dialogue and BRICS activities)	58,47,227/- (various BRICS activities)	58,09,152/- (various BRICS activities))		
5	<b>India Foundation</b>			80,00,000/- (Indian Ocean Conference 2016)	1,00,76,166/- (Indian Ocean Conference 2017)	96,00,000/- (Indian Ocean Conference 2018)		2,76,76,166/-
6	<b>Ananta Centre</b>	13,95,250/- (Trilateral Commission)		27,10,000/- (Trilateral Commission)	14,58,687/- (Trilateral commission)	47,37,885/- ( 2 <sup>nd</sup> India-US forum 2018)	46,92,350/- (3 <sup>rd</sup> India-US Forum)	2,17,12,987/-
				41,78,702/- (India-US Forum 2016)	14,96,725/- (India- Korea Track 1.5)	10,43,388/- (India-Korea Track 1.5)		
7	<b>Delhi Policy Group</b>			20,92,513/- (India-Japan Track 1.5)		19,91,445/- (India-Japan Track 1.5)	9,98,955/- (India-Japan Track 1.5)	50,82,913/-
8	<b>Association of Indian Diplomats</b>			1,94,470/- (Reimbursement )	1,90,687/- (Reimbursement)	2,67,969/- (Reimbursement)	2,12,602/- (Reimbursement)	32,09,226/-
				5,04,275/- ( Journal)	6,05,045/- (Journal)	6,21,624/- (Journal)	6,12,554/- (Journal)	

9	<b>Antarashtra Sahayog Parishad</b>			21,11,000/-				21,11,000/-
10	<b>India Pakistan Neemrana Initiative</b>				4,38,120/-			4,38,120/-
11	<b>Carnegie India</b>					5,87,000/- (India Strategy Forum)	1,97,500/- (India Strategy Group Meeting)	67,84,500/-
						60,00,000/- (Global Technology Summit)		
12	<b>Pune International Centre</b>					2,88,206/- (Foreign Policy Outreach Initiative)		2,88,206/-
13	<b>Chennai Centre for Chinese Studies (CCCS)</b>			6,00,000/-		12,00,000/-	6,00,000/-	24,00,000/-
14	<b>Centre for China Analysis and Strategy (CCAS)</b>			18,20,000/-	36,40,000/-	36,40,000/-	18,20,000/-	1,09,00,000/-
15	<b>Indian Association for Asian and Pacific Studies</b>					77,033/- (9 <sup>th</sup> Biennial IAAPS Conference)		77,033/-
16	<b>Vidya Prasarak Mandal</b>		4,50,000/- (Seminar on Nuclear Energy, Non-Proliferation)	2,88,750/- (Seminar on Act East Policy)		6,86,835/- (Conference on Trump's Presidency)		19,88,197/-
				5,62,612/- (Seminar on Nuclear Energy)				
17	<b>Defence Research Development Establishment, Gwalior</b>		3,08,000/- (National workshop on bio-safety)					3,08,000/-
<b>UNIVERSITIES</b>								
1	<b>University of Kerala</b>	7,75,060/- (Seminar on India's Foreign Policy)						7,75,060/-
2	<b>Pondicherry University</b>	6,00,000/- (Seminar on Neighbourho						6,00,000/-

		od First Initiative of Modi Govt.)					
3	<b>Centre for Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir</b>	9,00,000/- (Seminar on Literary Legacy of Indo-Central Asian, Indo-Afghanistan and Indo-Iran Regions)					9,00,000/-
4	<b>Institute of social and cultural studies, Kolkata</b>		35,00,000/- (Conference on India and Indian Ocean)				35,00,000/-
5	<b>National Institute of Advance Studies</b>			2,29,341/- (Space in India Foreign Policy Task Force)			2,29,341/-
6	<b>Kolkatta University</b>		60,00,000/- (Institute of Foreign Policy Studies)	40,00,000/- (Institute of Foreign Policy Studies)	17,47,178/- (Institute of Foreign Policy Studies)		1,17,47,178/-
7	<b>Symbiosis Internatio nal University</b>				10,00,000/-		10,00,000/-
8	<b>Yonsei University</b>				1,23,520/- (ORF-Yonsei University)		1,23,520/-
9	<b>Jadavpur University (Jadavpur Associatio n of Internatio nal Relations )</b>				6,50,000/- (India-China Think Tank Forum)	9,85,600/- ( A conference on Act East)	16,35,600/-
10	<b>Gujarat National Law University</b>				8,35,889/-		8,35,889/-

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