

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 5605

ANSWERED ON- 04/04/2025

PUBLIC DIPLOMACY BUDGET OF MEA

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

(a) the details of the Public Diplomacy budget of the MEA from 1st June 2014 to 15th March 2025, year-wise;

(b) whether the MEA funds Think Tanks, Research Organizations, Foundations (for-profit/non-profit), or Government/quasi-Government bodies from its Public Diplomacy or any other budget head;

(c) if so, the details of funds disbursed to each such entity, including the purpose and amount given from during the said period, year-wise, activity-wise, and organization-wise;

(d) whether the MEA has commissioned any studies to assess the manner in which such funding has advanced India's strategic, tactical, or diplomatic interests; and

(e) if so, the details of strategic, tactical or diplomatic outcome/ advantage of each dollop of funding for each activity to each of the organisations delineated above for each activity during the said period?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) The Public Diplomacy budget of the MEA is under the External Publicity & Public Diplomacy Division (XPD) of the Ministry. The details of Public Diplomacy Budget (allocated to XPD Division) of Ministry of External Affairs from 1st June 2014 to 15th March 2025, year wise, are attached at Annexure I. XPD Division does not fund think tanks, research organizations, foundations (for-profit/non-profit), or Government/quasi-Government bodies per se from its Public Diplomacy budget head.

(b) The Policy Planning and Research (PP&R) Division of the Ministry of External Affairs is responsible for engaging with think tanks, universities, research organisations and other academic institutions and supports events, studies, conferences and seminars by these institutions. Some specific foreign policy outreach initiatives by think tanks and other such institutions are part-funded from the PP&R Division's 'Expenditure on Holding Seminars and Studies' budget head. The details of funding provided to various institutions for foreign policy

outreach initiatives and research studies since 2014-15 to 2024-25 are attached at Annexure II.

(c) to (e) The Ministry participates in and supports major foreign policy outreach initiatives/dialogues including Raisina Dialogue, Indian Ocean Conference, Global Technology Summit, Asia Economic Dialogue and India-US Forum. These initiatives have grown in stature and profile to become some of the leading global dialogues on international affairs. Further, to take the discourse on foreign policy issues to strategic community outside Delhi more frequently, PP&R Division has started supporting an increasing number of dialogues to other major cities in India, other than Delhi. The outcomes of all such foreign policy outreach initiatives as well as research studies are regularly incorporated into policy making within the Ministry.

Annexure I

Details of Public Diplomacy Budget (allocated to XPD Division) of Ministry of External Affairs from 1st June 2014 to 15th March 2025, year wise:

S.No	Financial Year	Budget allocated (Revised Estimates) (in crore Rs)
1	2014-15	21.60
2	2015-16	20.29
3	2016-17	20.08
4	2017-18	20.55
5	2018-19	15.65
6	2019-20	18.71
7	2020-21	16.41
8	2021-22	12.90
9	2022-23	10.54
10	2023-24	11.56
11	2024-25	15.08

Financial Year 2014-15

Sl. No.	Think-Tank/Organization	Financial Assistance provided (Rs.)	Purpose
1	Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis	12,95,124	Research Project
2	Centre for Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir	9,00,000	Seminar on Literary Legacy of Indo-Central Asian, Indo-Afghanistan and Indo-Iran Regions
3	University of Kerala	7,75,000	Seminar on India's Foreign Policy
4	Pondicherry University	6,00,000	Seminar on India's Neighbourhood First Policy
5	Centre for Canadian, US & Latin American Studies	4,02,000	Seminar on Synergy Building in India-US Relations

Financial Year 2015-16

Sl. No.	Think-Tank/Organization	Financial Assistance provided (Rs.)	Purpose
1	Institute of Social and Cultural Studies	35,00,000	Conference on India and Indian Ocean
2	Defence Research Development Establishment	3,08,000	National Workshop on Bio Safety
3	Observer Research Foundation	3,02,000	India-France Policy Planning Dialogue

4	Ananta Aspen Centre	13,95,250	Trilateral Commission
5	Kolkata University	60,00,000	Institute of Foreign Policy Studies
6	Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis	13,09,000	West Asia Conference India-Japan-South Korea Trilateral Dialogue Research project
7	ICRIER	12,78,750	India-Japan Track 1.5 Conference
8	Vidya Prasarak Mandal's Centre for International Studies (Regd.)	4,50,000	Seminar on Nuclear Energy, Non-proliferation

Financial Year 2016-17

Sl. No.	Think-Tank/Organization	Financial Assistance provided (Rs.)	Purpose
1	Institute of Chinese Studies	1,34,00,000	Research project
2	Observer Research Foundation	80,00,000	Raisina Dialogue 2017
3	India Foundation	80,00,000	Indian Ocean Conference 2016
4	Gateway House: Indian Council of Global Relations	75,77,146	T20 Conference 2016 and Geo economic Dialogue 2017
5	Ananta Aspen Centre	68,88,072	India US Forum 2017 and Trilateral Commission
6	Kolkata University	40,00,000	Institute of Foreign Policy Studies
7	Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis	27,59,694	Research project
8	Antarrashtriya Sahayog	21,11,000	

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9	Delhi Policy Group	20,92,513	India-Japan Indo Pacific Forum 2017
10	Centre for China Analysis and Strategy	36,40,000	Research project
11	ICRIER	10,00,000	Grant-in-Aid
12	National Maritime Foundation	8,91,265	IORA meeting of experts
13	Chennai Centre for China Studies	6,00,000	Research project
14	Vidya Prasarak Mandal's Centre for International Studies (Regd.)	8,51,362	Seminar on Act East Policy and Seminar on Nuclear Energy
15	National Institute of Advance Studies	2,29,341	Space in India Foreign Policy Task Force
16	Association of Indian Diplomats	6,98,746	For publishing 'Indian Foreign Affairs' Journal and Track 1.5 outreach activities

Financial Year 2017-18

Sl. No.	Think-Tank/Organization	Financial Assistance provided (Rs.)	Purpose
1	Observer Research Foundation	99,63,427	Raisina Dialogue 2018
2	Ananta Aspen Centre	29,55,412	Trilateral Commission and India Korea Track 1.5 Strategic Dialogue 2017
3	Centre for China Analysis and Strategy	36,40,000	Research project

4	Gateway House: Indian Council of Global Relations	23,05,182	Geo Economic Dialogue 2018
5	Kolkata University	17,47,178	Institute of Foreign Policy Studies
6	Symbiosis International University	10,00,000	International Relations Conference
7	Jadavpur Association of International Relations	6,50,000	India-China Think Tank Forum
8	Association of Indian Diplomats	7,95,732	For publishing 'Indian Foreign Affairs' Journal and Track 1.5 outreach activities

Financial Year 2018-19

Sl. No.	Think-Tank/Organization	Financial Assistance provided (Rs.)	Purpose
1	India Foundation	1,86,61,737	Indian Ocean Conference 2018 Indian Ocean Conference 2017
2	Observer Research Foundation	1,14,06,245	Raisina Dialogue 2019
3	Carnegie Endowment for International Peace India	65,87,000	Global Technology Summit 2018 India Strategy Forum 2018
4	Ananta Aspen Centre	57,81,273	India-US Forum 2018 India Korea Track 1.5 Strategic Dialogue
5	Centre for China Analysis and Strategy	36,40,000	Research project
6	Delhi Policy Group	19,91,445	India-Japan Indo Pacific Forum 2018

7	Chennai Centre for China Studies	12,00,000	Research project
8	Jadavpur Association of International Relations	9,85,600	Conference 'Act East through North East: India's way to a New Era of Diplomacy'
9	Association of Indian Diplomats	8,89,093	For publishing 'Indian Foreign Affairs' Journal and Track 1.5 outreach activities
10	Vidya Prasarak Mandal's Centre for International Studies (Regd.)	6,86,835	National Seminar on "Trump Presidency, US relations with India"
11	India-Pakistan Neemrana Initiative	4,38,120	36th Meeting of India-Pakistan Neemrana Initiative
12	Pune International Centre	3,00,000	Foreign Policy Outreach Lectures, an Emerging Technology Exchange Conference and a Southern Command Series lecture
13	Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis	2,39,100	West Asia Conference 2018 (Advance)

Financial Year 2019-20

Sl. No.	Think-Tank/Organization	Financial Assistance provided (Rs.)	Purpose
1.	Ananta Aspen Centre	46,92,350	India-US Forum 2019
2.	Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis	38,62,246	Research Project
3.	Centre for China Anal-	36,40,000	Research Project

	ysis and Strategy		
4.	Gateway House: Indian Council of Global Relations	19,66,830	India Canada Track 1.5 Dialogue 2018; India Canada Track 1.5 Dialogue 2019
5.	Pune International Centre	11,70,000	Asia Economic Dialogue 2020
6.	Delhi Policy Group	9,98,955	India-Japan Indo Pacific Forum 2020
7.	Association of Indian Diplomats	8,25,156	For publishing 'Indian Foreign Affairs' Journal and Track 1.5 outreach activities
8.	Chennai Centre for China Studies	6,00,000	Research Project
9.	Carnegie Endowment for International Peace India	1,97,500	India Strategy Forum Meeting
10.	Indian Association for Asian & Pacific Studies	77,033	9th Biennial IAAPS Conference

Financial Year 2020-21

Sl. No.	Think-Tank/Organization	Financial Assistance provided (Rs.)	Purpose
1.	Observer Research Foundation	1,00,00,000	Raisina Dialogue 2020
2.	India Foundation	99,52,823	Indian Ocean Conference 2019
3.	Carnegie Endowment for International Peace India	95,00,000	Global Technology Summit 2020; Global Technology Summit 2019
4.	Manohar Parrikar Insti-	59,21,262	Research Project

	tute for Defence Studies and Analysis		
5.	Pune International Centre	47,06,108	Asia Economic Dialogue 2020
6.	Centre for China Analysis and Strategy	40,04,000	Research Project
7.	Ananta Aspen Centre	37,52,085	India-US Forum 2020; India-Korea Track 1.5 Strategic Dialogue 2020; India-Korea Track 1.5 Strategic Dialogue 2019
8.	Jadavpur Association of International Relations	15,63,029	Conference on '50 years of India-Banlgadesh Relations'
9.	Association of Indian Diplomats	10,21,428	For publishing 'Indian Foreign Affairs' Journal and Track 1.5 outreach activities
10.	Impact Investors Council	5,50,000	Conference titled 'Prabhav' Impact Investment
11.	Vidya Prasarak Mandal's Centre for International Studies (Regd.)	3,34,803	Seminar on 'India's Neighbourhood First Policy'
12.	National Institute of Advance Studies	3,28,120	Strategic Security Threats of 21st Century
13.	Madurai Kamraj University	1,00,000	Conference on 'Navigating the Idea of Indo Pacific'

Financial Year 2021-22

Sl. No.	Think-Tank/Organization	Financial Assistance provided (Rs.)	Purpose
1.	Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis	65,15,539	Research Project
2.	Centre for China Analysis and Strategy	40,04,000	Research Project
3.	Ananta Aspen Centre	18,50,000	India-Japan Forum 2021
4.	Pune International Centre	19,57,779	Asia Economic Dialogue 2022; Asia Economic Dialogue 2021
5.	Delhi Policy Group	10,50,000	India-Japan Indo Pacific Forum 2021 and Reserach Study
6.	Association of Indian Diplomats	8,73,008	For publishing 'Indian Foreign Affairs' Journal and Track 1.5 outreach activities
7.	Institute of Social and Cultural Studies	8,18,547	Symposium on BIMSTEC: A Vehicle for Growth and Development
8.	Chennai Centre for China Studies	6,00,000	Research Project
9.	Policy 4.0 Foundation	53,400	Webinar on Blockchain Technology

Financial Year 2022-23

Sl. No.	Think-Tank/Organization	Financial Assistance provided (Rs.)	Purpose
1.	Observer Research Foundation	1,30,44,271	For organizing Raisina Dialogue 2022; Raisina Forum for Future of Diplomacy 2022
2.	India Foundation	1,24,35,000	Indian Ocean Conference 2021
3.	Ananta Aspen Centre	1,08,99,514	India-US Forum 2023; India-US Forum 2022; India-Europe Strategic Dialogue 2022; India-Europe Strategic Dialogue 2021; India-Korea Track 1.5 Strategic Dialogue 2021
4.	Carnegie Endowment for International Peace India	58,11,032	For organizing Global Technology Summit 2021
5.	Asian Confluence	44,35,000	NADI Dialogue 2022; Imphal Dialogue 2022
6.	Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis	35,62,456	Research Project
7.	Centre for China Analysis and Strategy	40,04,000	Research Project
8.	Chennai Centre for China Studies	19,96,000	Research Project
9.	Delhi Policy Group	19,31,711	India-Japan Indo Pacific Forum 2022
10.	United Services Institution	10,00,000	MEA Chair of Excellence for Research
11.	Vidya Prasarak Mandal's Centre for International Studies (Regd.)	5,57,260	National Seminar on 'Changing Contours of India US Relations'

12.	Gateway House: Indian Council of Global Relations	6,69,100	India France Track 1.5 Dialogue 2022
13.	Association of Indian Diplomats	4,36,069	For publishing 'Indian Foreign Affairs' Journal and Track 1.5 outreach activities

Financial Year 2023-24

Sl. No.	Think-Tank/Organization	Financial Assistance provided (Rs.)	Purpose
1.	Observer Research Foundation	1,28,79,440	For organizing Raisina Dialogue 2023; Raisina Forum for Future of Diplomacy 2023; Research Project
2.	Carnegie Endowment for International Peace India	59,86,600	For organizing Global Technology Summit 2022
3.	Pune International Centre	45,78,719	For organizing Asia Economic Dialogue 2023
4.	Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis	40,46,692	Research Project
5.	Centre for China Analysis and Strategy	30,03,000	Research Project
6.	Ananta Aspen Centre	35,30,169	For organizing India-Japan Forum 2023 and India Korea Track 1.5 Strategic Dialogue 2022
7.	Chennai Centre for China Studies	17,54,000	Research Project
8.	Association of Indian Diplomats	17,17,615	For publishing 'Indian Foreign Affairs' Journal and

			Track 1.5 outreach activities
9.	The Energy Forum	27,40,817	For organizing the 1st Purvodaya Perspectives Conference 2023
10.	Usanas Foundation	14,00,253	For organizing the Maharana Pratap Annual Geopolitics Dialogue 2023
11.	Delhi Policy Group	12,36,293	India-Japan Indo Pacific Forum 2023
12.	Vidya Prasarak Mandal's Centre for International Studies (Regd.)	9,13,739	National Seminar on 'India and Her Neighbours'
13.	Asian Confluence	8,99,582	India-Japan Intellectual Conclave 2023
14.	Policy 4.0 Foundation	1,24,600	Webinar on Blockchain Technology

Financial Year 2024-25

Sl. No.	Think-Tank/Organization	Financial Assistance provided (Rs.)	Purpose
1.	Pune International Centre	56,00,000.00	8th Asia Economic Dialogue 2024
2.	Ananta Aspen Centre	16,15,433.00	22nd India Korea Dialogue 2023
3.	Asian Confluence	8,85,000.00	5th India-Japan Intellectual Conclave 'Kizuna' 2024
4.	Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis	20,60,541.00	Research Project
5.	Manipur University	8,15,835.00	India – Myanmar Relations Conference
6.	Association of Indian	14,63,421.00	For publishing Indian

	Diplomats		Foreign Affairs Journal and other activities (01st inst 2024-25)
7.	India Foundation	98,17,903.00	6th Indian Ocean Conference 2023
8.	Rashtriya Raksha University	5,00,000.00	Research Project
9.	Symbiosis School of International Studies	33,53,268.00	9th International Relations Conference 2023
10.	Ananta Aspen Centre	42,73,563.00	7th India-US Forum 2024
11.	Usanas Foundation	16,13,640.00	3rd Maharana Pratap Annual Geopolitics Dialogue 2024
12.	Observer Research Foundation	27,12,112.00	Raisina Young Fellows Programme
13.	Carnegie Endowment for International Peace India	60,00,000.00	8th Global Technology Summit 2023
14.	Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute	1,98,000.00	Research Project
15.	Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis	21,06,000.00	Research Project
16.	NIAS, Bengaluru	9,19,468.00	Track 1.5 Polar Dialogue
17.	Ananta Aspen Centre	14,11,677.00	1st India Nordic Track 1.5 Dialogue 2024
18.	North Eastern Development Finance Corporation	44,25,000.00	Research Project
19.	Carnegie Endowment for International Peace India	25,00,000	1st GTS Innovation Dialogue 2024
20.	Delhi Policy Group	9,12,329	7th India-Japan Indo-Pa-

			cific Forum 2024
21.	North Eastern Development Finance Corporation	88,50,000	Research Project
22.	Rashtriya Raksha University	4,23,731	Asian African Treaty Law and Practice Conference 2024
23.	Organization for Research on China and Asia	2,00,000	Global Conference on New Sinology 2024
24.	Association of Indian Diplomats	4,94,147	2nd instalment of annual grant
25.	Observer Research Foundation	14,89,056	Inaugural Quad Think-Tank Forum 2024
26.	Ananta Aspen Centre	18,46,909	23rd India-Korea Dialogue 2024
27.	Ananta Aspen Centre	22,65,832	3rd India-EU Track 1.5 Dialogue 2024
28.	Indian Society of International Law	4,30,604	9th International Conference of ISIL 2024
29.	Indian Foundation	1,13,03,479	7th Indian Ocean Conference 2024
30.	The Energy Forum	39,18,383	2nd International Conference on 'Purvodaya Perspectives' 2024
31.	Asian Confluence	5,84,100	Research Project
32.	Global Counter Terrorism Council	5,00,000	India-EU Roundtable 2024
33.	Observer Research Foundation	30,15,643	3rd Raisina Forum for Future of Diplomacy
34.	Gateway House: Indian Council of Global Relations	21,78,068	India-Indonesia Track 1.5 Dialogue 2024
