

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3406

ANSWERED ON - 08/08/2025

DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken recent initiatives to strengthen diplomatic ties with neighbouring and strategic partner countries;**
- (b) if so, the details of high-level visits, bilateral agreements, or strategic dialogues held during the last two years;**
- (c) the measures being taken by Indian missions abroad to safeguard the rights and welfare of Indian citizens, especially migrant workers; and**
- (d) whether any complaints or grievances from Indians abroad have increased in recent years, if so, the steps taken to address them effectively?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a) India has entered into multifaceted partnerships with the many countries with the broad objective of enhancing political ties, furthering diplomatic interests, strengthening national security, greater economic links and investments growth, securing energy resources, promoting SDGs, deepening people-to-people ties, expanding cooperation in technology & innovation, infrastructure development and advancing the interests of the Global South.

India continues to make efforts to deepen defence and maritime security cooperation, catalyzed by economic and developmental assistance, to safeguard its interests and look forward to productive collaboration with other countries in the region and beyond. India also upholds its commitment to the well-being and progress of nations in the region as first responder and a net security provider, based on our “Neighbourhood First Policy”, MAHASAGAR outlook, and on our approach to the extended neighborhood.

(b) High level visits are established 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 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, transnational crime, terrorism, cyber-security etc. while also offering the world India's own unique solutions to partners for addressing global issues. These visits and the understandings/agreements reached therein enable India to strengthen relations with partner countries across a wide range of sectors. The details of visits undertaken by the foreign dignitaries, Prime Minister as well as External Affairs Minister during the last four months are at Annexure-I, Annexure-II & Annexure-III.

(c) & (d) The Government accords utmost priority to the welfare and safety of Indian nationals including Indian students, particularly in conflict-affected or politically unstable countries. As such, we have established mechanisms like walk-ins, emails, multilingual 24x7

emergency numbers, grievance redressal portals like MADAD, CPGRAMS, eMigrate and social media etc to address the concerns. Further, there are bilateral agreements in place with the Gulf countries to address some specific issues of labour and manpower, and also to promote welfare and protection of Indian workers.

The Government actively monitors developments and issues advisories. During emergency or crisis situations, our Missions/Posts abroad proactively help distressed/stranded Indian nationals by providing consular assistance, food, shelter, medicine and return passage to India. The Government is always prepared to take additional steps, including arranging flights for rescue operations. Some of the recent evacuation missions are Vande Bharat Mission, Operation Devi Shakti, Operation Ganga, Operation Kaveri, Operation Ajay, Operation Indravati etc.

Visits by foreign dignitaries to India since August 2023

Sl. No.	Country	Period of Visit
1	H.E. Murat Nurtleu, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan	05th to 06th June 2025
2	H.E. Santiago Peña President of the Republic of Paraguay	02nd to 04th June 2025
3	H.E. Winston Peters, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand	29th to 30th May 2025
4	H.E. Joao Manuel Goncalves Lourenco President of the Republic of Angola	02nd to 04th May 2025
5	H.E. James David Vance Vice President of the United States of America	21st to 24th April 2025
6	H.E. Antonio Tajani, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy	11th to 12th April 2025
7	H.E. Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin	08th to 09th April 2025

	Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, UAE	
8	H.E. Gabriel Boric Font President of the Republic of Chile	01st to 05th April 2025
9	H.E. Dr. Eduardo Martinez Diaz, Deputy Prime Minister of Cuba	17th to 19th March 2025
10	H.E. Mihai Popsoi, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova	17th to 19th March 2025
11	H.E. Xavier Bettel, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Luxembourg	17th to 19th March 2025
12	H.E. Christopher Luxon Prime Minister of New Zealand	16th to 20th March 2025
13	H.E. Brigadier (ret's) Mark Philips, Prime Minister of Cooperative Republic of Guyana	04th to 07th March 2025
14	H.E. Ursula Von Der Leyen, President of the European Commission	27th to 28th February 2025

15	H.E. Dasho Tshering Tobgay, Prime Minister of Bhutan	20th to 21st February 2025
16	H.H. Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad AL Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar	17th to 18th February 2025
17	H.E. Prabowo Subianto, President of The Republic of Indonesia	23rd to 26th January 2025
18	H.E. Tharman Shanmugaratnam, President of The Republic of Singapore	14th to 18th January 2025
19	H.E. Anura Kumara Dissanayake, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka	15th to 17th December 2024
20	His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, King of Bhutan	05th to 06th December 2024
21	H.E Pedro Sanchez, President of the Government of Spain	27th to 29th October 2024
22	H.E. Olaf Scholz, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany	24th to 26th October 2024
23	H. E. Dr. Mohamed Muizzu, President of the Republic of Maldives	06th to 10th October 2024
24	H.E. Dr. Andrew Holness, Prime Minister of	30th September to

	Jamaica	03rd October 2024
25	H.H. Sheikh Khaled Bin Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi	08th to 10th September 2024
26	H.E Dato'Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia	19th to 21st August 2024
27	H.E. Pham Minh Chinh, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam	30th July to 01st August 2024
28	H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh	21st to 22nd June 2024
29	H.E. Dasho Tshering Tobgay, Prime Minister of Bhutan	14th to 18th March 2024
30	H.E. Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis	21st to 22nd February 2024
31	H.E. Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic	25th to 26th January 2024
32	H.E Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, the Sultan of Oman	15th to 17th December 2023
33	H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto President of the Republic of Kenya	04th to 06th December 2023

34	H.E Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania	08th to 10th October 2023
35	H.E. Ms. Raquel Pena, Vice President of the Dominican Republic	03rd to 05th October 2023
36	H.E. Prince Mohammed Bin Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, Crown Prince & Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	09th to 11th September 2023

Details of visits undertaken by the Prime Minister since August 2023

Sl. No.	Country	Period of Visit
1	United Kingdom and Maldives	23rd to 26th July 2025
2	Ghana, Trinidad & Tobago, Argentina, Brazil and Namibia	02nd to 09th July 2025
3	Cyprus, Canada and Croatia	15th to 18th June 2025
4	Saudi Arabia	22nd April 2025
5	Thailand and Sri Lanka	03rd to 06th April 2025
6	Mauritius	11th to 12th March 2025
7	France and United States of America	10th to 13th February 2025
8	Kuwait	21st to 22nd December 2024
9	Nigeria, Brazil and Guyana	16th to 21st November 2024
10	Russia	22nd to 23rd October 2024
11	Lao PDR	10th to 11th October 2024
12	United States of America	21st to 23rd September 2024
13	Brunei Darussalam and Singapore	03rd to 05th September 2024

14	Poland and Ukraine	21st to 23rd August 2024
15	Russia and Austria	08th to 10th July 2024
16	Italy	13th to 14th June 2024
17	Bhutan	22nd to 23rd March 2024
18	UAE and Qatar	13th to 15th February 2024
19	United Arab Emirates	30th November to 01st December 2023
20	Indonesia	06th to 07th September 2023
21	South Africa and Greece	22nd to 25th August 2023

Details of visits undertaken by the External Affairs Minister since August 2023

Sl. No.	Country	Period of Visit
1	Singapore and China	13th to 15th July 2025
2	USA	30th June to 02nd July 2025
3	France, European Union and Belgium	08th to 14th June 2025
4	Netherlands, Denmark, Germany	19th to 24th May 2025
5	United Kingdom and Ireland	04th to 09th March 2025
6	South Africa	20th to 21st February 2025
7	United Arab Emirates	27th to 29th January 2025
8	Spain	13th to 14th January 2025
9	United States of America	24th to 29th December 2024
10	Qatar and Bahrain	06th to 09th December 2024
11	Italy	24th to 26th November 2024
12	United Arab Emirates	14th November 2024
13	Australia and Singapore	03rd to 08th November 2024
14	Pakistan	15th to 16th October 2024

15	Sri Lanka	04th October 2024
16	Saudi Arabia, Germany and Switzerland	08th to 13th September 2024
17	Kuwait	18th August 2024
18	Maldives	09th to 11th August 2024
19	Lao PDR and Japan	25th to 30th July 2024
20	Mauritius	16th to 17th July 2024
21	Kazakhstan	04th July 2024
22	Qatar	30th June 2024
23	United Arab Emirates	23rd June 2024
24	Sri Lanka	20th June 2024
25	<u>Singapore, Philippines and Malaysia</u>	23rd to 27th March 2024
26	<u>Republic of Korea and Japan</u>	05th to 08th March 2024
27	Australia	09th to 10th February 2024
28	Uganda and Nigeria	19th to 23th January 2024
29	Iran	14th to 15th January 2024
30	Nepal	04th to 05th January 2024
31	Russia	25th to 29th December 2023

32	United Kingdom	11th to 15th November 2023
33	Portugal and Italy	31st October to 03rd November 2023
34	Kyrgyz Republic	25th to 26th October 2023
35	Vietnam and Singapore	15th to 20th October 2023
36	Sri Lanka	10th to 12th October 2023
37	United States of America	22nd to 30th September 2023
