

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2793
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2015**

PRESIDENT'S VISITS ABROAD

2793. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of visits abroad made by the President during the last one year along with the agreements/MoUs signed during these visits; and**
- (b) the benefits accrued/likely to be derived from such agreements/ MoUs?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]**

(a) & (b) Information in respect of visits by the President during the last one year along with the agreements/MoUs signed during these visits have been compiled and is placed at Annexure.

PRESIDENT'S VISITS ABROAD

S. No.	Country of Visit	Agreements/MoUs signed during the visit	Benefits accrued/likely to be derived from the Agreements/MoUs.
1.	Bhutan November 7-8, 2014	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MoU between the Govt. of India and Royal Govt. of Bhutan on the establishment of Nalanda University 2. MoU on Academic Cooperation between The English and Foreign Language University (EFLU), Hyderabad and Royal University of Bhutan (RUB), Thimphu 3. MoU between National Innovation Foundation, India and Royal University of Bhutan (RUB), Thimphu 4. MOU between Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad and Royal Civil Service Commission (RCSC), Bhutan 	India and Bhutan share close and friendly relations characterized by mutual trust and confidence. There has been sustained progress in all areas of bilateral cooperation which includes hydropower, transport, communication, infrastructure, health, education, culture, IT industry and agriculture. The momentum of the bilateral ties has been sustained by implementation of these MoUs.
2.	Russia May 7-11, 2015	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MoU between Indian Institute of Technology Bombay and National Research Tomsk State University. 2. MoU for Academic and Research Collaboration between Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai, India and National Research Tomsk State University, Tomsk, Russia. 3. MoU for Academic and Research Collaboration between Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai, India and Ural Federal University, Yekaterinburg, Russia 4. MoU between Indian Institute of Technology Delhi and National Research Tomsk Polytechnic University 5. MoU between Indian Institute of Technology Delhi and Skolkovo Institute of Science and Technology of Russia 	By deepening educational ties at the level of institutions, students and faculty of the two countries will be benefitted.

		<p>6. MoU between Indian Statistical Institute of India and Higher School of Economics, Moscow</p> <p>7. MoU between University of Delhi and Lomonosov Moscow State University.</p> <p>8. Agreement of Cooperation between Institution of Engineers (India) and Russian Union of Scientific and Engineering Associations</p>	
3.	<p>Sweden May 31-June 2, 2015.</p>	<p>Following six inter-governmental MoUs/agreements were signed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MoU on Cooperation in the field of Sustainable Urban Development. 2. MoU on Cooperation in the field of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. 3. Agreement on Exemption from Visa Requirement for Holders of Diplomatic Passports 4. Letter of Intent on Mutual Collaboration in Polar and Ocean Research 5. Cooperation in the field of Research on Ageing and Health 6. Memorandum of Intent on Cooperation in the field of Pharmaceuticals <p>In addition, following agreements between Indian & Swedish Institutions of higher education were also signed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) MoU between Uppsala University and Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar (b) MoU between Blekinge Institute of Technology and Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Kakinada (c) MoU between Blekinge Institute of Technology and Andhra University, Visakhapatnam (d) MoU between the KTH Royal Institute of Technology and Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar (e) MoU between Karlstad University and Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi 	<p>These MoUs/agreements will contribute to further strengthening of bilateral relations in diverse areas.</p>

		<p>(f) MoU between Karlstad University and Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak</p> <p>(g) MoU between Linköping University and Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak</p> <p>(h) MoU between Linköping University and Vel Tech Rangarajan Dr.Sagunthala R&D Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai</p> <p>(i) MoU between the Faculty of Natural Sciences at Lund University and Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Thiruvananthapuram</p> <p>(j) MoU between Stockholm University and Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Thiruvananthapuram.</p> <p>(k) MoU between Umea University and the Sri Ramaswamy Memorial University, Tamil Nadu</p> <p>(l) MoU between Linnaeus University and Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Uttarakhand</p> <p>(m) MoU between Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and the United Service Institution of India, New Delhi</p> <p>(n) MoU between Umea University and Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore</p> <p>(o) MoU between Karlstad University and Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati</p>	
4.	Belarus June 2-4, 2015	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roadmap for India-Belarus Cooperation 2. Protocol Amending the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Belarus for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and on Property (Capital) of the 27th of September, 1997 3. MoU between the Bureau of Indian Standards and the State Committee for Standardization of the Republic of Belarus on Cooperation in the field of Standardization and Information Support 4. MoU between Prasar Bharati (PB) and the National State Television and Radio Company of the Republic of Belarus (Belteleradiocompany) for Co-operation on Broadcasting 	The MoUs/agreements concluded will contribute to enhanced overall bilateral relations in areas such as removal of technical barriers in trade and economic relations, cooperation in broadcasting, enhancing investor protection and creating conditions for an effective development of securities market, textiles sector etc.

		<p>5. MoU on Bilateral Cooperation between the Securities and Exchange Board of India and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Belarus</p> <p>6. MoU between the Ministry of Textiles of the Republic of India and the Belarusian State concern for Manufacturing and Marketing of Light Industry Goods (concern “Bellegprom”)</p>	
5.	<p>Jordan October 10-12 2015</p>	<p>A number of Agreements/MoUs, as listed below, were signed during the visit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on Maritime Transport 2. MoU between the Foreign Service Institute (FSI), Ministry of External Affairs, Republic of India and the Jordan Institute of Diplomacy (JID), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan 3. MoU between the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Information and Communications Technology of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on Cooperation in the field of IT & Electronics 4. Cultural Exchange Programme for the year 2015-17 5. Cooperation Agreement between Jordan News Agency (Petra) and Press Trust of India (PTI) 6. MoU between BIS and Jordan Standards and Metrology Organisation for cooperation in the fields of Standardization and Conformity Assessment. 7. MoU on Academic Cooperation between the University of Jordan and the University of Delhi 8. MoU on Academic Cooperation between the University of Jordan and Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur 9. MoU between University of Jordan and Jawaharlal Nehru University 10. MoU on Academic Cooperation between the University of Jordan and Jamia Millia Islamia 11. MoU on Academic Cooperation between Yarmouk University and Jamia Millia Islamia 12. MoU on Academic Cooperation between Al albayt University and Jamia 	<p>These MoUs/Agreements will contribute to further strengthening of bilateral relations in such sectors as maritime transport, IT & electronics, media, standardization, etc. and deepened educational and academic ties.</p>

		<p>Millia Islamia</p> <p>13. MoU on Academic Cooperation between Al Balqa Applied University and Jamia Millia Islamia</p> <p>14. MoU on Academic Cooperation between Isra University and University of Delhi</p> <p>15. MoU on Academic Cooperation between Isra University and Jamia Milia Islamia</p> <p>16. MoU for Institutional Collaboration between Princess Sumaya University for Technology, Jordan and Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur</p>	
6.	<p>Palestine October 12-13 2015</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MOU between Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Ministry of Culture, State of Palestine 2. MOU between JNU and BirZiet University 3. MOU between JNU and Al Najah National University 4. MOU between Jamia Milia Islamia and Al Quds University 5. MOU between Jamia Milia Islamia and Al Istiklal University 6. MOU between Jamia Milia Islamia and Hebron University 	<p>MoUs concluded will contribute to enhanced ties in the culture and education sectors.</p>
7.	<p>Israel October 13-15, 2015</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cultural Exchange Programme (CEP) for the Years 2015-2018 signed between the Government of the Republic of India and the State of Israel 2. Protocol Amending the Convention and the Protocol for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and for the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital 3. MOU between Jawaharlal Nehru University and Ben Gurion University. 4. MOU between Jawaharlal Nehru University and Hebrew University. 5. MOU between IIT Kharagpur and Ben Gurion University 6. MOU between IIT Kharagpur and Hebrew University 7. MOU between IIT Kharagpur and Haifa University 8. MOU between Delhi University and Ben Gurion University. 9. MOU between Delhi University and Hebrew University 10. MOU between Delhi University and Interdisciplinary College (IDC) 	<p>MoUs concluded will contribute to enhanced ties in the culture and education sectors</p>
