

Foreign Minister's visit abroad

669. PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he visited one or more foreign countries during the intercession period, 19th May, 1979 to 8th July, 1979 ;

(b) if so, full facts thereof ;

(c) the main purposes of the said visits ; and

(d) the broad outline of the subjects discussed and agreements (if any) arrived at ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SAMARINDRA KUNDU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). A statement containing the information is placed on the Table of the House.

**Statement**

*Statement Referring to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No., 66, for 27-7-1979*

Sl. No.	Name of country visited	Date of visit	Purpose of the visit	Subjects discussed	Agreement, a.
1.	Kuwait	20-5-79 — 22-5-79	Good-will visit on pending invitations from the counterparts of Minister of External Affairs in respective countries.	Apart from bilateral cooperation in all fields, subjects like Non-aligned Coordinating Bureau Meeting in Colombo, Non-aligned Summit Meeting at Havana, Middle East situation, and other important international issues were discussed.	..
2.	United Arab Emirates	22-5-79 — 25-5-79	To attend the Ministerial Level Meeting of the Non-aligned Coordinating Bureau.	Matters relating to Non-alignment.	Signed a protocol on the Joint Commission.
3.	Syria	25-5-79 — 27-5-79	Accompanied the Prime Minister and led the Indian delegation to the 5th session of the Indo-Soviet Joint Commission.	Bilateral relations and important international issues.	..
4.	Iraq	27-5-79 — 28-5-79	Accompanied the Prime Minister.	Bilateral relations and important international issues.	..
5.	Colombo (Sri Lanka)	5-6-79 — 9-6-79	To attend the Ministerial Level Meeting of the Non-aligned Coordinating Bureau.	Matters relating to Non-alignment.	Signed a protocol on the Joint Commission.
6.	U.S.S.R.	10-6-79 — 14-6-79	Accompanied the Prime Minister and led the Indian delegation to the 5th session of the Indo-Soviet Joint Commission.	Bilateral relations and important international issues.	..
7.	Poland	14-6-79 — 16-6-79	Accompanied the Prime Minister.	Bilateral relations and important international issues.	Signed Health Agreement between India and Poland.
8.	Czechoslovakia	16-6-79 — 18-6-79	Accompanied the Prime Minister.	Bilateral relations and important international issues.	Signed the letters of Exchange of the Instruments of Ratification of the Consular Agreement between the two countries

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9. Yugoslavia	18-6-79 — 21-6-79	Accompanied the Prime Minister.	Bilateral relations and important international issues.		
10. Frankfurt (FRG)	21-6-79	Visit in transit.			
11. Rome (Italy)	24/25-6-79	Visit in transit.			
12. Algeria	26-6-79 — 27-6-79	On invitation of the Algerian International Foreign Minister.	non-alignment in particular and Indo-Algerian bilateral relations.	An Agreement on Scientific, Economic and Technical Cooperation along with Supplementary Protocol was initialled by the officials of the two countries.	
13. Paris(France)	27-6-79	Visit in transit.	Met the French Prime Minister.		