

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN VISITS

BALIRAM;CHANDRESH PATEL KORDIA;GORDHANBHAI JAVIA;KAILASHO DEVI

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the name of countries visited by him and the Minister of state in his Ministry during the last two years;
- (b) the details of agreements signed during their visits;
- (c) the amount spent on those foreign visits; and
- (d) the details of benefits accrued to the country from those visits?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) During the last two years Raksha Mantri paid official visits to Japan, United Kingdom, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, Mauritius, South Africa, Maldives, USA and Tajikistan. Raksha Utpadan Rajya Mantri paid official visits to Malaysia, Romania and Bulgaria.

(b) It would not be in the interest of national security to give details of agreements signed during these visits.

(c) An amount of Rs. 13.84 lakhs was incurred by the Ministry of Defence on the visits.

(d) The visits helped to strengthen the bilateral relations between India and the countries visited in the field of defence and also enabled better understanding of each other's security and defence concerns.