

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:7
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2003
VISIT OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
CHANDRA NATH SINGH;NVEDITA MANE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Deputy Prime Minister and other officials of Ministry of Home Affairs visited some foreign countries during the last three months;
- (b) if so, the details of discussions held and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether issue of cross border infiltration was also discussed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any MoU was signed during the visit; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI .SWAMI CHINMAYANAND)

(a) to (f): Yes, Sir. The Deputy Prime Minister visited Maldives from November 10-12, 2003 as leader of the Indian delegation to participate in the inaugural ceremony of assumption by President Gayoom of the Office of President of Maldives for a new term. As the visit was purely ceremonial in nature, there were no substantive discussions.

Further, no MoUs were signed during the visit.