

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PRESIDENT S FOREIGN VISIT
Pratap Narayanrao Shri Sonawane

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the President of India has gone on ten days official visit to the countries namely Laos and Cambodia:
- (b) if so, the details of the talks held and agreements signed with these countries:
- (c) whether Cabinet Ministers have also accompanied the President on the visit: and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) Yes.

(b) During the Visit to Laos, Hon'ble President met the President, PM and the President of the National Assembly. In Cambodia, Hon'ble President met the Cambodian King, PM, President of the Senate and the President of the National Assembly.

In Laos, an agreement for cultural exchange programme 2011-13 and a new credit loan agreement for US \$ 72.55 million between the Exim bank of India and the Lao Finance Ministry were signed during the visit. In Cambodia a MOU for cooperation between C & AG of India and the National Audit Authority, Cambodia and a Line of Credit agreement between EXIM Bank and Cambodian Ministry of Economy & Finance for US\$ 15 million were signed.

(c) & (d) Yes. Hon'ble Minister for Tribal Affairs, Shri Kantillal Bhuria accompanied the President during these visits.