

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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VISIT OF DELEGATES FROM ASEAN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of visits of the envoys of ASEAN countries to North Eastern States during the last three years and the current year; and
(b) the purpose behind the visits and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The group of ASEAN High Commissioners/Ambassadors in New Delhi has a rotational presidency. They make joint trips to North Eastern States of India to forge greater connectivity and links, especially economic and commercial, with these states which neighbour the ASEAN Region. The details of the visits as per information available are as under:

Year State(s)

2008 Guwahati, Assam from 14-18 September, 2008
to attend the 4th North East Business Summit.

2009 High Commissioner of Brunei visited Tripura to strengthen ties.

2010 Manipur, 19-23 September, 2010 to explore the
feasibility of international trade via Manipur.

2011 H.E. Dr. Nam Viyaketh, Minister of Industry &
Commerce of the Lao PDR participated in the first
Lao-Northeast Business Forum held in Guwahati
from July 1-2, 2011.