

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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COUNTRIES NOT VISITED BY PRIME MINISTER
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of those countries which have not been visited so far by any Indian Prime Minister and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether India has friendly relations with these countries;
- (c) if so, whether the Prime Minister proposes to visit these countries for strengthening bilateral relations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)to(d) The Government of India maintains friendly relations with each and every country. With the aim to develop and consolidate these relations, the Head of State/Government undertake bilateral visits to these countries. In this context, successive Indian Prime Ministers have, since 1947, visited a large number of countries. At the same time, visits by Heads of State and Heads of Government are also undertaken to India. Besides bilateral visits, the Prime Minister also meets his counterparts in various multilateral summits and meetings to discuss bilateral relations with these countries and steps as necessary to take them forward.