

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4484

ANSWERED ON:21.12.2011

FOREIGN TOURS BY MINISTERS

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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Ministers in the Union Council of Ministers visited foreign countries during the last two years till date and the reasons for their visits, Ministry-wise;
- (b) the Ministry-wise total expenses incurred on these foreign visits;
- (c) the total financial burden borne by the Government ex-chequer as a result thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has issued any guidelines regarding foreign visits by Ministers;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether Ministers are following these guidelines;
- (g) if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) the capacity in which the family members and others accompanied the Ministers on the foreign tours and the expenditure incurred on them?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office.
(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) & (b): Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(c): The total foreign travel expenses incurred by the Central Government in respect of the Union Council of Ministers in the last 2 years and upto 16.12.2011 is as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

Year 2009-2010 2010-2011 2011-2012#

Cabinet Ministers 61.10 37.17 460.78##

Ministers of State 3.78 4.76 3.80

only upto 16.12.2011

includes pending payments to Air India for previous years amounting to Rs.435.00 Crores.

(d) & (e): Yes Madam. The Cabinet Secretariat has issued guidelines from time to time regarding foreign visits by Ministers. A gist of these guidelines is Annexed.

(f) & (g): The concerned Ministries are responsible for following the guidelines.

(h): Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.