

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of visits by foreign dignitaries to India during the last three months, till date;
- (b) the issues on which deliberations were held with each of the dignitaries;
- (c) whether any bilateral agreements were signed by them;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of visits undertaken by the Prime Minister and the External Affairs Minister during the above period;
- (f) the details of discussions held and the outcome thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to improve the bilateral relations with these countries?

Answer

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

- (a) The details of the visits by foreign dignitaries to India during the last three months is at Annexure I.
- (b) to (d) Bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interests were discussed during the visit of the dignitaries to India. Annexure I touches upon the deliberations in brief and details the agreements signed during each of the visits.
- (e) & (f) During the above period, details of visits undertaken by Prime Minister and the External Affairs Minister are at Annexure II. Annexure II touches upon the deliberations in brief and details the agreements signed during each of the visits.
- (g) One of the major elements in the discussions with the visiting leaders as also during the outgoing visits related to the review of various steps taken for the consolidation and development of bilateral relations with each of these countries. These are reflected in the agreements concluded during the visits. Effective follow up mechanism to implement the decisions arrived at in the discussions between the Leaders of India and the countries concerned is an important element in moving forward the relations with these countries.