

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CULTURAL EXCHANGE WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES
Wanaga Shri Chintaman Navsha

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Cultural Exchanges have taken place during the visit of our Prime Minister to Germany, France and Canada recently; and
(b) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND MINISTER OF STATE, CIVIL AVIATION
(Dr. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the visit of our Prime Minister to Germany, France and Canada the following documents were signed on behalf of Ministry of Culture.

France-

(i) 'Administrative Arrangement in the field of Heritage' signed between Ministry of Culture of the Government of the Republic of India and Ministry of Culture and Communication of the French Republic.

(ii) 'Letter of Intent' signed between Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and the Institut National de Recherches Archéologiques Préventives (Inrap) of France, to define the guiding principles and the terms and conditions of the collaboration for the carrying out joint initiatives.

Canada - No document signed;

Germany - No document signed. However, MoU on cooperation in Science Communication between National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India and Leibniz Association of Germany was signed on 07.04.2015 (just prior to the visit of Hon'ble P.M. of India to Germany) to facilitate the exchange of professionals and assistance in the area of science popularization including the organization of workshops on themes of mutual interest.