

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:629

ANSWERED ON:02.12.2015

Visits by PM/Foreign Dignitaries

Ahmed Shri Sultan ;Chautala Shri Dushyant;Chinnaraj Shri Gopalakrishnan;Gaikwad Dr. Sunil Baliram;Gupta Shri Sudheer;Gutha Shri Sukender Reddy;Kachhadia Shri Naranbhai;Kalvakuntla Smt. Kavitha;Kataria Shri Rattan Lal;Khadse Smt. Raksha Nikhil;Kumar Shri P.;Mahato Shri Bidyut Baran;Manjhi Shri Hari;Mohammed Shri Faizal P.P.;Mohan Shri P. C.;Pandey Shri Ravindra Kumar;Patil Shri Kapil Moreshwar;Pradhan Shri Nagendra Kumar;Premachandran Shri N.K.;Rajoria Dr. Manoj;Reddy Shri Ch. Malla;Roy Prof. Saugata;S.R. Shri Vijay Kumar;Shah Smt. Mala Rajya Laxmi;Singh Shri Ganesh;Singh Shri Kunwar Haribansh;Singh Shri Rama Kishore;Tadas Shri Ramdas Chandrabhanji;Thomas Prof. Kuruppassery Varkey;Udhayakumar Shri M.;Venkatesh Babu Shri T.G.

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of foreign trips undertaken by the Prime Minister of India and External Affairs Minister, country-wise along with the agreements signed, if any, areas identified for co-operation, discussions held and the expenditure incurred during the last one year and the current year;
- (b) the details of foreign dignitaries who visited India during the aforesaid period, country-wise along with the talks held, sectors decided for further co-operation and the treaties signed;
- (c) whether any nuclear deal was signed with Britain recently during PM's visit to that country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the issue of terrorism and the current situation prevailing in certain countries came up for discussion during these visits; and
- (e) if so, the details and the reaction of various countries in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a), (d) & (e) Information has been compiled and placed at Annexure 'A' & Annexure 'B'.

(b) Information has been compiled and placed at Annexure 'C'.

(c) Building on the 2010 Joint Declaration on Civil Nuclear Cooperation, an Agreement on Cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy was signed during the visit of the Hon'ble PM to UK from 12-14 November, 2015. This will allow the two countries to cooperation in a wide range of areas including nuclear safety, use of nuclear energy for generation of electricity, water desalination, agriculture, healthcare, industry and medicine etc.

Annexure 'A'

Prime Minister's visits

The details of foreign visits made by Prime Minister during the last one year to till date Expenditure incurred The details of discussions held and areas identified for cooperation Agreements signed Whether the Issue of terrorism and the current situation prevailing in certain countries came up for discussion

- if so, the details and the reaction of various countries in this regard?

(a) (d) & (e)

Visit to Bhutan, 15-16 June, 2014 GOI Missions abroad debit expenditure incurred to relevant agencies involved with the visit. This information is being collected. First visit abroad by Prime Minister after assuming office. The entire gamut of our unique and special relations with Bhutan was discussed.

Doubling of Nehru-Wangchuk Scholarships (from Rs. 1 crore to Rs. 2 crore annually)

2. Establishment of E-library

Visit to Brazil 15-16 July, 2014 The Prime Minister led the Indian delegation to the 6th BRICS Summit held in Fortaleza, Brazil, on 15-16 July 2014.

The Fortaleza Declaration issued at the conclusion of the Summit captures the discussions and consensus among the BRICS countries on a wide range of issues covering reform of global governance – both political and economic, trade, finance, regional

political issues as well as global issues including terrorism, transnational organized crime, climate change, post-2015 development agenda, etc.

Major outcomes of the 6th BRICS Summit include signing of an Agreement setting up a New Development Bank and signing of a Treaty setting up the Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA), which will work as a multilateral currency swap amongst BRICS Central Banks.

An MoU on technical cooperation amongst Export Credit Guarantee Agencies of BRICS countries aimed at improving environment for increasing trade opportunities among BRICS countries and an Inter-Bank Cooperation Agreement on Innovation to support financing of innovation projects of mutual interest were also signed at the Summit. Major outcomes of the 6th BRICS Summit include signing of an Agreement setting up a New Development Bank and signing of a Treaty setting up the Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA), which will work as a multilateral currency swap amongst BRICS Central Banks.

An MoU on technical cooperation amongst Export Credit Guarantee Agencies of BRICS countries aimed at improving environment for increasing trade opportunities among BRICS countries and an Inter-Bank Cooperation Agreement on Innovation to support financing of innovation projects of mutual interest were also signed at the Summit. Global and regional political developments and terrorism were among the agenda items of the BRICS Summit.

The BRICS Leaders reiterated their strong condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and stressed that there can be no justification, whatsoever, for any acts of terrorism, whether based upon ideological, religious, political, racial, ethnic, or any other justification.

Visit to Brazil

15-16 July, 2014 PM had a bilateral meeting with President Dilma Rousseff of Brazil on July 16, 2014 in Brasilia . Three important MoUs/ agreements on 'Cooperation in the Field of Environment', 'Implementing Arrangement Establishing Cooperation in Augmentation of a Brazilian Earth Station for Receiving and Processing Data from Indian Remote Sensing Satellites' and on 'Cooperation in the Establishment of a Consultation Mechanism on Mobility and Consular Issues' were signed during the visit.

Visit to Nepal,

3-4 August, 2014 This was a Prime-Minister level bilateral visit to Nepal after 17 years. The entire gamut of bilateral relations was discussed. Meetings were held with President, Prime Minister, Chairman of Constituent Assembly, and major political leaders. 1. Exchange of Letters reg. Terms of Reference for Pancheshwar Development Authority
2. MoU on Cooperation in Goitre Control
3. MoU on Cooperation between Doordarshan & Nepal Television

Visit to Japan

30 August – 03 September 2014 Prime Minister Modi chose Japan as his first destination outside India's immediate neighbourhood. The relationship was upgraded to India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership. The two leaders underscored the importance of closer consultation and coordination between India and Japan in regional forums, including the East Asia Summit processes and forums. The two Prime Ministers condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, irrespective of their perpetrators, origin and motivations. They emphasized that the evolving character of terrorism called for stronger international partnership in combating terrorism, including through increased sharing of information and intelligence. They also called for reinvigorating multilateral action on terrorism, including through the finalization and adoption of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism in the United Nations at the earliest. The two Prime Ministers affirmed their shared determination, and called for sustained international commitment to promote Afghan-led economic development, political pluralism and capacity-building in security in Afghanistan beyond 2014 to help it become a united, independent, sovereign, stable and democratic nation free from terrorism, extremism and external interference. The two Prime Ministers affirmed the urgent need for comprehensive reform of the UN Security Council, especially its expansion in both permanent and non-permanent categories, to make it more representative, legitimate, effective and responsive to the realities of the 21st century. The two Prime Ministers affirmed their commitment to work together for India to become a full member in the four international export control regimes: Nuclear Suppliers Group, Missile Technology Control Regime, Wassenaar Arrangement and Australia Group, with the aim of strengthening the international non-proliferation efforts.

1. Memorandum on Defence Co-operation and Exchanges between Ministry of Defence of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Defence of Japan.
2. Memorandum of Co-operation between the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan in the Field of Healthcare.
3. Memorandum Co-operation in the Field of Women and Child Development between the Ministry of Women and Child Development of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.
4. Framework of Co-operation between Ministry of Road Transport and Highways Government of India and Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and, Tourism of Japan in the Roads and Road Transportation Sector.
5. Confirmation of the Intention Regarding the Partner City Affiliation between City of Varanasi (Republic of India) and City of Kyoto (Japan).
6. Memorandum of Understanding between Ministry of New and Renewable Energy Government of India and Japan Bank for International Cooperation. In the Joint Statement, both countries condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, irrespective of their perpetrators, origin and motivations. They emphasised that the evolving character of terrorism called for stronger international partnership in combating terrorism, including through increased sharing of information and intelligence. They shared concern over deteriorating security situation in various countries, and affirmed, in this regard, the importance of elimination of terrorist safe havens and infrastructure. They also called for reinvigorating multilateral action on terrorism, including through the finalisation and adoption of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism in the United Nations at the earliest.

Visit to US

September 26-30, 2014 Prime Minister visited New York and Washington DC at the invitation of President Barack Obama, for the first bilateral Summit between the two leaders from September 26-30, 2014. A Vision Statement on the theme of "Chalein Saath Saath: Forward Together We Go" and a Joint Statement, reflecting concrete ways to realize that vision, were issued during Prime

Minister's visit to the US in September 2014.

Visit to Myanmar

11-13 November, 2014.

Visit was to attend the ASEAN-India Summit and the East Asia Summit. On the margins, Prime Minister held bilateral discussions with the President of Myanmar, U Thein Sein. Entire gamut of bilateral relations was discussed between the two leaders. Discussions were also held with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Leader of the National League for Democracy on issues of mutual interest.

Visit to Australia,

14-18 November 2014 To attend G20 Summit in Brisbane and bilateral visit to Australia

9th G20 SUMMIT, BRISBANE

PM led the Indian delegation to the 9th G20 Summit in Brisbane, Australia, on 15-16 November 2014.

Key issues discussed at the Summit include global economy, infrastructure investment, tax evasion, employment generation, greater participation of women in the workforce, energy, trade, climate change, etc.

At the conclusion of Summit a Leaders' Communiqué and Leaders' Brisbane Statement on Ebola were issued.

India is committed to further deepen and consolidate cooperation under G20 format. i) Agreement on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons

ii) MoU on Cooperation in the field of Arts and Culture

iii) Agreement on Social security

iv) MoU on Bilateral Cooperation in the field of Tourism

v) MoU for Combating Narcotics Traffic and Developing Police Cooperation.

Visit to Fiji,

19 November, 2014. PM visited Fiji on 19 November, 2014. PM's visit to Fiji was held after a gap of about 33 years. PM met Fijian Prime Minister, Bainimarama, addressed the Fijian Parliament, met civil society at the Fiji National University and interacted with Indian community in Fiji. India assured to provide assistance to Fiji in area of HRD/IT/Solar energy/agriculture/coconut processing, etc.

This visit advanced our bilateral understanding and cooperation in diverse areas.

During the visit, PM also held the first Summit level meeting of "Forum for India Pacific Islands Cooperation" (FIPIC) with the leaders of 14 Pacific Island countries (PICs). The meeting provided the opportunity for India to further strengthen its relations with PICs, to share our common interests and concerns on climate change, provide assistance for development and discuss regional and multilateral issues. India has been providing assistance to the PICs in the areas of education, IT, climate change (Solar energy), health, grant of e-tourist visa on arrival, increase in bilateral aid for minor critical projects, etc.

During the visit, 3 MoUs were signed on,

(1) earmarking of land for construction of diplomatic Mission;

(2) LoC of US\$ 70 million for establishing a co-generation plant at Rarawai Sugar Mill in Fiji; and

(3) Training programs for diplomats

Visit to Nepal, 25-27 November 2014 The visit was to attend the SAARC Summit in Nepal. Bilateral meetings were held with President, Prime Minister and major political leaders of Nepal.

1. MoU on Nepal Police Academy

2. MoU on Tourism

3. MoU on Traditional Medicines

4. MoU on Youth Exchange

5. Agreement new US \$ 1 billion Line of Credit to Nepal

6. Motor Vehicles Agreement

7. Project Development Agreement for 900 MW Arun III Hydroelectric Project

8-10. Twin City Agreements between (i) Ayodhya -Janakpur, (ii) Kathmandu-Varanasi, and (iii) Lumbini-Bodh Gaya

Visit to US from 26-30 September 2014 Prime Minister attended the High Level Segment (HLS) of the 69th Session of the UN General Assembly in New York on 27 September 2014 during his visit to US from 26-30 September 2014. PM also hold bilateral meetings with various Heads of State/Governments on the sidelines of the 69th UNGA including US, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Israel. The issues discussed included UN Security Council reform, UN peacekeeping, Sustainable Development Goals, Terrorism.

Visit to Seychelles, 10-11 March 2015 Bilateral Visit i) MoU on Cooperation in the field of Hydrography

ii) MoU on the field of Renewable Energy Cooperation

iii) MoU on Cooperation for Deployment of Facilities on Assumption Island

iv) Protocol on Sale of Navigation Charts

Visit to Mauritius on 11-12 March 2015 Chief Guest for the National Day of Mauritius i) MoU for Improvement in Sea and Air Transportation Facilities in Agalega Island
ii) MoU for Cooperation in Traditional Medicine and Homeopathy
iii) Protocol for the Importation of Mangoes from India
iv) Extension of Cultural Exchange Programme
v) MoU for Cooperation in the field of Ocean Economy.

Visit to Sri Lanka, March 13, 2015 Wide range of issues of mutual interest, including political developments in Sri Lanka. i) Agreement on Customs Cooperation
ii) Agreement on waiver of visa requirements for holders of diplomatic and official passports
iii) Memorandum of Understandings Cooperation in the field of Youth Development
iv) Memorandum of Understanding on construction of Rabindranath Tagore Auditorium in Ruhuna University in Matara

Visit to Singapore

29 March 2015 To participate in the State Funeral Service of the founding father and the first Prime Minister of Singapore, Lee Kuan Yew.

Visit to France

9-12 April, 2015 19 agreements/MoUs were signed during the visit encompassing diverse areas of cooperation between India and France, such as Nuclear Energy, Space, Railways, Conservation of Cultural Heritage, Science and Technology, Sports, Tourism, Human Exchanges, Renewable Energy and Twinning of Historical Monuments etc. 19 (Nineteen) agreements/MoUs were signed during the visit of Hon. PM.

1. MoU between L&T and AREVA
2. Pre-engineering agreements between NPCIL and Areva
3. MoU between ISRO and CNES on Megha Tropiques
4. MOU between ISRO, CNES and ONERA for Ka-band propagation experiment over Indian tropical region
5. Programme between ISRO and French National Centre for Space Studies (CNES)
6. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation in the field of renewable energy between the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India and the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, Government of France
7. Railway protocol between Indian Ministry of Railways and French National Railways (SNCF)
8. Guarantee Agreement with AFD for Financing of Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)
9. Administrative Arrangement in the field of Cultural Heritage
10. Letter of Intent on Tourism
11. Letter of Intent (LoI)/ MoU between the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and National Institute of Preventive Archaeological Research (INRAP)
12. MOU between School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi and National Architecture Institute in Paris, France
13. MoU between Indian Heritage Cities Network Foundation (IHCN) and Association Nationale des Villes et Pays d'Art et d'Histoire et villes a secteurs sauvegardés et protégés ('ANVPAH')
14. Letter of Intent on Ayurveda between Ministry of AYUSH and University of Strasbourg
15. Twinning Agreement between Udaipur Palace and Chateau Chambord
16. MoU between National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), India and the National Commission for Vocational Qualifications (Commission Nationale de la Certification Professionnelle – CNCD)
17. MoU on cooperation in the field of Science & Technology between Department of Science & Technology of India and the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS)
18. MoU between Department of Biotechnology of India and CNRS and Université Pierre et Marie Curie (UPMC) on Collaboration for establishment of a National Institute of Marine Biology and Biotechnology in India
19. MoU on Cooperation between the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of India and French Ministry of Sports, Youth Affairs, Public Education and Community Life During the Prime Minister's visit to France in April 2015, PM and President Hollande reiterated their strong support for combating terrorism including dismantling of the terrorist infrastructure, denying safe havens to terrorists, bringing perpetrators and conspirators of terrorist attacks to justice and to strengthen international frameworks to forge closer cooperation in this area. President Hollande also expressed his indignation at the release of Mumbai attack accused Zakiur Rehman Lakhvi.

Visit to Germany

12-14 April, 2015 For inauguration of Hannover Messe, in which India was the partner country. Prime Minister and Chancellor Merkel's discussions were focussed on bilateral economic agenda. Both sides identified mutual areas for cooperation including manufacturing, skill development, urban development, environment, railways, cleaning of rivers, renewable energy, education, S&T. They discussed across wide range of issues including defence cooperation, intelligence sharing, export control in context of civil nuclear cooperation, terrorism. Prime Minister and Chancellor Merkel also discussed regional and global issues of mutual concern including early conclusion of India – EU BTIA (Broad Based Trade and Investment Agreement).

3 (Three) LoIs/JDIs were signed during the PM's visit:

LoI between the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation & Development, Government of Germany and the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Government of India on Indo-German Solar Partnership;

(ii) Joint Declaration of Intent on Sustainable Urban Development between the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India and the German Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Reactor Safety; and

(iii) Letter of Intent between the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Government of Germany and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship of Government of India on Indo-German Skill Development Project.

Visit to Canada

14-16 April 2015 The following are the MoUs/Lols signed on the sidelines of the PM's visit to Canada in April 2015.
Procurement of Uranium Ore Concentrate from M/s. CAMECO Inc. Canada during 2015-2020 between Directorate of Purchase and Stores, Department of Atomic Energy and CAMECO Inc.

Cooperation in the field of Outer Space between Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and Canadian Space Agency

MoU on Technical Cooperation on Railways between Ministry of Railways and Department of Transport, Canada

Letter of Intent between Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology and Grand Challenges Canada for implementation of collaboration in disease elimination and Saving Brain Initiative

MoU for collaboration in Skill Development for Aviation- Non Technical and Healthcare Sector between National Skilled Development Corporation (NSDC) and Seneca College, Toronto

MoU for collaboration in Skill Development for Aviation Sector- Technical between NSDC and Canadore College, North Bay, Ontario

MoU for collaboration in Skill Development for Water Sector between NSDC and Sir Sandford Fleming College, Lindsay

MoU for collaboration in Skill Development in Sports Sector (Tripartite MoU- Bow Valley College, Alberta - Camosun College, Victoria and NSDC)

MoU for collaboration in Skill Development for Automotive and Construction between NSDC and Algonquin College, Ottawa

MoU for collaboration in Skill Development for Hydrocarbon Sector between NSDC and College of New Caledonia, Prince George BC

MoU for collaboration in Skill Development for Hydrocarbon Sector between NSDC and Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, Alberta

MoU for collaboration in Skill Development for Automotive and Agriculture Sector between NSDC and Durham College, Toronto

MoU for for collaboration in Skill Development for Apparel and Textiles Sector between NSDC and Fanshawe College, London, Ontario

MoU for Skill Development for Healthcare Sector between NSDC and Camosun College, Victoria, BC

Sector Skills Council MoU for IT, Telecom and Electronics between NSDC and between NSDC and ICTC-CTIC, Ottawa

Sector Skills Council MoU for Green Jobs between NSDC and Eco Canada, Calgary, Alberta

MoU for collaboration in Skill Development between NSDC and Colleges and Institutes, Canada and Colleges and Institutes, Canada (Association of Community Colleges)

Visit to China

14-16 May 2015 â€¢ Prime Minister visited China from 14-16 May 2015.

â€¢ The visit marked an important 'milestone' in India-China relations. PM was received by President Xi in Xi'an, his hometown, who also accompanied him on a visit to a Buddhist temple, hosted a meal and watched a cultural performance with PM. It was a 'special gesture' from the Chinese side. PM held restricted and delegation-level talks with Premier Li Keqiang in Beijing.

â€¢ Premier Li accompanied PM to witness a Joint Yoga-Taichi Demonstration at the Temple of Heaven. PM addressed students at Tsinghua University, in the presence of Foreign Minister Wang Yi, where he announced e-Tourist Visa for Chinese nationals.

â€¢ Leaders of the two countries reviewed the progress of bilateral relations. The two sides had very fruitful conversation covering all areas of cooperation and various issues of mutual significance and interest were raised and discussed in frank and candid manner.

â€¢ 'The two sides signed 24 MoUs/Agreements, covering diverse fields of cooperation like railways, science & technology, mining, trade & commerce, education, tourism, people-to-people exchanges, establishment of CGs at Chengdu & Chennai etc.

â€¢ In addition, 26 Business Agreements/MoUs amounting to over US\$ 22 billion were signed in Shanghai.

â€¢ For the first time, a separate Joint Statement on Climate Change was issued, along with the Joint Statement on bilateral relations, which shows the shared interest and importance that the two sides place on international climate change negotiations.

â€¢ The two sides held the 1st India-China State/Regional Leaders' Forum in Beijing during the visit of Prime Minister.

PM inaugurated the Center for Gandhian and Indian Studies at Fudan University in Shanghai. The two sides also signed a MoU on Establishment of a Yoga College at Yunnan Minzu University, Kunming 1. Protocol on the Establishment of Consulates-General at Chengdu and Chennai and the Extension of the Consular district of the Consulate-General of the Republic of India in Guangzhou to include Jiangxi province.

2. MoU on cooperation in the field of Vocational Education and Skill Development.

3. Action Plan on Cooperation in Setting up of Mahatma Gandhi National Institute for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship in Ahmedabad/ Gandhinagar Gujarat

4. MoU on Establishing a Consultative Mechanism for Cooperation in Trade Negotiations

5. MoU on Cooperation between the Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India and the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China

6. Action Plan on Enhancing Cooperation in the Railway Sector (2015-2016)

7. MoU on Education Exchange Programme

8. MoU on Cooperation in the fields of Mining And Mineral Sector

9. Space Cooperation Outline (2015-2020)
10. Protocol on Health and Safety Regulations on Importing Indian Rapeseed Meal
11. MoU on cooperation in the field of Broadcasting
12. Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Tourism
13. MoU on Establishing India-China Think-Tanks Forum
14. MoU between NITI Aayog of the Government of India and the Development Research Centre, State Council of the People's Republic of China
15. MoU concerning Cooperation in the Field of Earthquake Sciences and Earthquake Engineering
16. MoU on Cooperation in the field of Ocean Sciences, Ocean Technology, Climate Change, Polar Science and Cryosphere
17. MoU on Scientific Cooperation between Geological Survey of India, Ministry of Mines, of the Republic of India and China Geological Survey, Ministry of Land and Resources of People's Republic of China in Geosciences
18. MoU on Establishment of States/Provincial Leaders' Forum
19. Agreement on the Establishment of Sister-State/Province Relations
Between State Government of Karnataka of the Republic of India and Provincial Government of Sichuan of People's Republic of China
20. Agreement on the Establishment of Sister City Relations between Chennai, Republic of India and Chongqing, People's Republic of China
21. Agreement on the Establishment of Sister City Relations between Hyderabad, Republic of India and Qingdao, People's Republic of China
22. Agreement on the Establishment of Sister City Relations between Aurangabad, Republic of India and Dunhuang, People's Republic of China
23. Memorandum of Understanding between the Indian Council for Cultural Relations and Fudan University on the Establishment of a Center for Gandhian and Indian Studies
24. Memorandum Of Understanding Between Indian Council for Cultural Relations And Yunnan Minzu University on the Establishment of a Yoga College

Joint Statement issued during the visit stated, "Both sides reiterated their strong condemnation of and resolute opposition to terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and committed themselves to cooperate on counter-terrorism. They agreed that there is no justification for terrorism and urged all countries and entities to work sincerely to disrupt terrorist networks and their financing, and stop cross-border movement of terrorists, in accordance with the relevant principles and purposes of the UN Charter and international laws. They called for early conclusion of negotiations on the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism."

Visit to Mongolia

17 May 2015 – Prime Minister visited Mongolia on 17 May 2015. This was the first ever visit by any Indian Prime Minister to Mongolia, and it came in the year in which we are celebrating our 60 years of establishment of diplomatic relations and also 25 years of Mongolian democracy. So there was a lot of emphasis on democracy and the Buddhist linkages that we have.

The relationship was upgraded to a 'strategic partnership' and 14 documents were signed during the visit, including the Joint Statement.

Prime Minister gifted a sapling of the sacred Bodhi Tree at Bodh Gaya, to the Gandan monastery in Ulaanbaatar.

PM also addressed the Mongolian Parliament which was opened on a weekend as a special gesture on the part of the Speaker of Mongolia.

PM interacted with the Mongolian leadership over bilateral meetings, lunch and over dinner. The discussions covered a range of areas of cooperation, including defence and security, economy, culture and people-to-people contacts.

The two Prime Ministers agreed to further encourage institutional linkages, including parliamentary as well as governmental interactions, to hold regular dialogue on bilateral relations, other regional and global issues of mutual interest and concern through existing mechanisms such as the Joint Committee on Cooperation, policy consultations between the two Foreign Ministries and all other channels of communication.

India agreed to extend a credit line of USD 1 billion to Mongolia for supporting its capacity building, and this was welcomed as a significant boost for the Mongolian economy. There was also an offer to cooperate in the dairy sector where India would be extending training and support in production, processing and marketing of dairy products in Mongolia, harnessing the existing wealth of cattle.

Cooperation in the mining sector was also one of the major issues of discussion.

The discussions were held in a very friendly atmosphere, and the visit was marked by a high level of trust and support for each other in regional and international fora.

PM attended the Mini Naadam festival, which showcased the Mongolian traditional sports of archery, wrestling and horse riding. Prime Minister of Mongolia gifted a colt to PM Modi, in accordance with local custom.

PM also addressed a large gathering of over 6000 people, both Mongolian and Indian nationals. Yoga enthusiasts from the Art of Living group exhibited their skills. Mongolians belonging to all age groups also performed some traditional dances on the occasion.

1. Joint Statement for India-Mongolia Strategic Partnership

2. Air Services Agreement

3. Treaty on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons

4. Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Animal Health and Dairy

5. MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Traditional Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy

6. MoU on Establishment of Cyber Security Training Centre in the Ministry of Defence of Mongolia

7. MoU on Establishment of India-Mongolia Joint Friendship School in Mongolia

8. Programme on Cooperation in the field of Culture for the Years 2015-2018

9. MoU for Cooperation between the National Security Council of the Republic of India and the National Security Council of Mongolia

10. MoU on Cooperation between the Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia

11. MoU between the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Energy of Mongolia

12. MoU for enhancing co-operation in Border Guarding, Policing and Surveillance

13. MoU for Gifting of Bhabhatron-II Tele-therapy Unit along with a Radiotherapy Simulator

14. MoU between the Foreign Service Institute of the Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India and the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia

Joint Statement issued during the visit stated, "Both Prime Ministers noted that the

nature and spread of international terrorism in recent years poses a threat to all humanity and requires global resolve and cooperative measures of the international community without double standards or selectivity. They agreed to direct concerned officials to work together for the adoption of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism. The Prime Ministers expressed hope that all safe havens and sanctuaries for terrorists will be wiped out without delay."

Visit to Korea

18-19 May 2015 Wide ranging discussions were held in political, economic and defence and security fields with a view to enhancing cooperation. India-Korea relationship was upgraded to 'Special Strategic Partnership'. A '2+2' dialogue was established, consultations between National Security Structures of India and ROK were formalized. Joint Working Groups have been set up in ship-building and electronics hardware manufacturing. Cooperation is being explored in areas including smart grids, steel sector, maritime transport etc.

1. Double Taxation Avoidance Convention

2. Audio Visual Co-Production Agreement

3. MoU on Cooperation in Youth Matters

4. MoU for Cooperation between National Security Councils of India and ROK

5. MoU for Cooperation in Maritime Transport and Logistics

6. MoU on Cooperation in Electric Power Development and New Energy Industries

7. Framework of Cooperation in Road Transport and Highways Joint Statement released during the visit stated: "Recognizing the increasing and evolving threat posed to world peace and stability from international terrorism, the two leaders reiterated their commitment to the eradication of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and called on international community to work closely to address this challenge. They called for an early conclusion of negotiations on the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism. They recognized the need to eliminate terrorist safe havens and infrastructure, disrupt terrorist networks and their financing, and stop cross-border movement of terrorists, including by implementing the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions, as well as enhancing countering violent extremism efforts. They called on all States to work sincerely to achieve these objectives."

Visit to Bangladesh, June 6-7, 2015 State visit during which 22 MoUs/Agreements were signed/exchanged during the visit. i) Protocol for Exchange of Instrument of Ratification regarding the India-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement, 1974 and Protocol of 2011 to the Land Boundary Agreement.

ii) Exchange of Letters on Modalities for Implementation of India-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement, 1974 and Protocol of 2011 to the Land Boundary Agreement.

iii) MoU for extending a new Line of Credit (LoC) of US Dollar 2.0 billion by Government of India to Government of Bangladesh.

iv) Agreement on Coastal Shipping between India and Bangladesh.

v) Protocol on Inland Waterways Transit and Trade (PWTT) (Renewal).

vi) MoU on the use of Chittagong and Mongla Ports for Movement of Goods to and from India.

vii) Bilateral Trade Agreement (Renewal).

viii) MoU on establishment of Indian Special Economic Zone in Bangladesh.

ix) Bilateral Cooperation Agreement between Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS) and Bangladesh Standard and Testing Institute (BSTI) on cooperation in the field of Standardization.

x) MoU between India and Bangladesh on Blue Economy and Maritime Cooperation in the Bay of Bengal and the Indian Ocean Region.

xi) Agreement on regulation of motor vehicles passenger traffic between India and Bangladesh: Dhaka-Shillong-Guwahati Bus Service.

xii) Agreement on regulation of motor vehicles passenger traffic between India and Bangladesh: Kolkata-Dhaka – Agartala Bus Service.

xiii) Cultural Exchange Programme between India and Bangladesh for the years 2015-2017 (Renewal)

xiv) MoU between the Coast Guards of India and Bangladesh

xv) MoU on bilateral cooperation for prevention of human trafficking

xvi) MoU on the prevention of smuggling and circulation of Fake Currency Notes

xvii) MoU between Jamia Millia Islamia, India and the University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh

xviii) Statement of Intent for education cooperation

xix) MoU between Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), India, and University of Dhaka, Bangladesh for joint research on oceanography of the Bay of Bengal

xx) MoU relating to grant assistance from the Government of India under the India Endowment for Climate Change in South Asia (IECC-SA) for installation of 70000 improved cook stoves to Bangladesh

xxi) Letter of Consent from the Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority (IDRA) of Bangladesh to the Chairman, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India to commence operations in Bangladesh by LIC

xxii) Agreement between Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Bangladesh Submarine Cable Company Limited (BSCCL) for leasing of international bandwidth for internet

Visit to Uzbekistan

6-7 July, 2015 PM met President of Uzbekistan and held discussions on a wide range of bilateral issues as well as regional and multilateral issues of mutual interest. i. Agreement in the field of tourism

ii. Protocol on cooperation between the Foreign Ministries

iii. Programme on Cultural Cooperation Both sides agreed to strengthen coordination between the law enforcement agencies and special services of the two countries, including under the framework of the Uzbekistan-India Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism.

Visit to Kazakhstan

7-8 July, 2015 PM had bilateral meetings with Kazakh President and Prime Minister and discussed ways to promote bilateral trade between India and Kazakhstan. The leaders agreed to promote connectivity projects and to work closely in the field of trade and investments, information technology, energy, agricultural machinery, mining and connectivity to expand bilateral trade relations between India and Kazakhstan. i. Agreement on Transfer of Sentenced Persons

ii. Agreement on Defence and Military Technical Cooperation

iii. MoU on cooperation on Physical Culture and Sports

iv. MoU on technical cooperation in the field of Railways

v. Contract for sale and purchase of natural uranium concentrates between Kazatomprom and DAE Both sides highlighted the importance of regular inter-agency consultations and meetings of the Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism. The Leaders also called for early conclusion of the UN Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism.

Visit to Russia on 8-9 July 2015 The Prime Minister attended the 7th BRICS Summit on 8-9 July 2015 held in Ufa, Russia. The issues discussed at the BRICS Summit included UN Reform, IMF Reform, WTO, G20, regional and global political developments, terrorism, New Development Bank (NDB), BRICS Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA), cooperation in ICTs and other issues relating to Intra-BRICS Cooperation.

The key outcomes of the 7th BRICS Summit include an Agreement on Cultural Cooperation, an MoU on the Creation of a Joint BRICS Website and an MoU under the BRICS Inter-Bank Mechanism on Cooperation with the NDB. The Strategy for BRICS Economic Partnership was also adopted at the Ufa Summit. The key outcomes of the 7th BRICS Summit include an Agreement on Cultural Cooperation, an MoU on the Creation of a Joint BRICS Website and an MoU under the BRICS Inter-Bank Mechanism on Cooperation with the NDB. The Strategy for BRICS Economic Partnership was also adopted at the Ufa Summit. Global and regional political developments and terrorism were among the agenda items of the BRICS Summit.

The BRICS Leaders reiterated their strong condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and stressed that there can be no justification, whatsoever, for any acts of terrorism, whether based upon ideological, religious, political, racial, ethnic, or any other justification.

Visit to Turkmenistan

10-11 July, 2015 PM had bilateral meeting with President of Turkmenistan and discussed issues of bilateral, regional and international importance. i) MoU on Supply of Chemical Products between Indian PSU RCF and Turkmen State concern 'Turkmenhimiya'

ii. MoU between the Foreign Service Institute, MEA and the Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan

iii) Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Sports

iv. Programme of Cooperation in Science and Technology for the Period 2015-17

v) MoU on Cooperation in Yoga and Traditional Medicine

vi. MoU on Cooperation in the field of Tourism

vii. Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Defence The Leaders noted that the nature and rapid spread of international terrorism in the recent years poses one of the most serious global threats today. The Leaders resolved to deepen ongoing cooperation in countering various security threats and agreed to step up efforts against cross-border threats such as terrorism.

Visit to Kyrgyz Republic

11-12 July 2015 i. MoU between the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and the Ministry of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic (The Centre for Standardization and Meterology/CSM)

ii. MoU for Cooperation in the Field of Elections between the Election Commission of India and the Central Commission for Elections and Referenda of the Kyrgyz Republic

iii. Agreement between the government of the Republic of India and the government of the Kyrgyz Republic on Cooperation in the fields of Culture, Arts, Youth, Sports and Mass Media.

iv. Agreement between the government of the Republic of India and the government of the Kyrgyz Republic on Defence Cooperation PM held talks with President of Kyrgyz Republic. The leaders discussed bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest. They agreed to work together in the field of defence, security, trade and investment, health, agriculture, information technology and culture for further strengthening cooperation between India and Kyrgyz Republic.

PM also had bilateral meeting with Kyrgyz PM, where both leaders discussed ways to expand trade between the two countries.

PM also met the Kyrgyz Speaker and discussed cooperation between parliamentarians of the two countries and exchange of visits by Members of Parliament of both countries for greater interactions between the representatives of the peoples. The Leaders agreed to expeditiously consider signing an agreement on "combating international terrorism and other crimes".

Visit to Tajikistan

12-13 July, 2015 PM held restricted and delegation level talks with Tajik President. During the meetings, the leaders discussed cooperation in the field of trade, connectivity, defence, security, health, agriculture and culture. The Leaders also discussed regional and international issues of mutual interest. i. Programme of Cooperation in the field of Arts and Culture for the period 2016-18

ii. Exchange of Note Verbale for setting up of computer labs in 37 schools of Tajikistan The Leaders decided to reinvigorate official-level interactions in the framework of the Joint Working Group (JWG) on Counter Terrorism and called for an early meeting of the JWG.

Visit to UAE

16-17 August 2015 Matters of bilateral, regional and multilateral interests were discussed A Joint Statement was issued During the Prime Minister's visit to United Arab Emirates, the two countries denounced and opposed terrorism in all forms and manifestations and agreed to enhance cooperation in counter-terrorism operations, intelligence sharing and capacity building, work together for the adoption of India's proposed Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism in the UN and promote cooperation cyber security, including prevention on use of cyber for terrorism, radicalization and disturbing social harmony.

Visit to Ireland

23 September 2015 The Prime Minister of India visited Ireland on September 23, 2015 en route to New York. The focus points for discussions between the Prime Minister and the Prime Minister of Ireland included – expansion of bilateral trade and investments, Information Technology, S&T, Agriculture, Education, Tourism and international issues including terrorism, United Nations reforms, India's membership of UNSC and global non-proliferation regimes.

Prime Minister thanked the Government of Ireland for making a memorial in the honour of the people who died in Air Kanishka

bombing. Both India and Ireland agreed to cooperate in the fight against terrorism.

Visit to US from 24-28 September 2015 Prime Minister attended the High Level Segment (HLS) of the 70th Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in New York on 24-26 and 28 September 2015. He addressed the UN Summit for the Adoption of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development on 25 September. He also hosted the G-4 Summit on 26 September and participated in the Leaders' Summit on Peacekeeping on 28 September.

PM also held bilateral meetings with various Heads of State/Governments on the sidelines of the 70th UNGA including with US, France, Egypt, Bangladesh, Guyana, Bhutan, Morocco, Nigeria, Jordan, Palestine, Qatar, Mexico and Sweden. PM met UN Secretary General on 25 September and discussed matters of mutual interest on issues like UN reform, Climate Change, 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, UN Peacekeeping and Terrorism.

Prime Minister visited New York and San Jose from September 23-28, 2015. The following are the MoUs/Lols signed on the sidelines of the PM's visit to the US in September 2015:

MoU between Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (a section of Company set up in the DBT Biotech Cluster, Bangalore) and the California Institute for Quantitative Biosciences (QB3) to develop Indo-US Life Science Sister Innovation Hub to enhance science-based entrepreneurship, research, academia and businesses by leveraging each other's ecosystems.

Letter of Intent (LoI) between Department of Biotechnology and Prakash Lab, Stanford University for sourcing Foldscope from Prakashlabs to DBT Star Colleges in India and for looking at possibilities for setting up of joint research on other low cost instrumentation in colleges in India.

MoU between National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) and the Indus Entrepreneurs to support the creation of a vibrant ecosystem to foster technology entrepreneurship in India and Silicon Valley.

MoU between IIM Ahmedabad's Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIIIE) and Lester Centre for Entrepreneurship of the Haas Business School of the University of California to collaborate to jointly promote tech and impact entrepreneurship in India.

MoU between IIM Ahmedabad's Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIIIE) and Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator to extend Next Generation Intelligent network (NGIN) Membership benefits to CIIIE and to jointly promote cleantech entrepreneurship.

MoU between IIM Ahmedabad's Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIIIE) and Google to support technology and impact entrepreneurs through strategic support.

MoU between IIM Ahmedabad's Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIIIE) and Tata Trust to collaborate on Bharat Fund, which will provide seed funding to Indian entrepreneurs.

Visit to UK

12-14 November 2015 PM and PM Cameron held discussions on bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest. The two PMs agreed to forge a modern partnership with deeper security collaboration in nuclear, defence and cyber areas including through technology transfer and skilling and close partnership in India's flagship development projects including infrastructure building Smart Cities, Clean India and Clean Energy. PM Cameron also reaffirmed UK's continued support to countering terrorism and India's inclusion in global decision making through membership of the UNSC, multilateral export control regimes and greater voice in international financial institutions.

Major outcomes of the visit include (i) Biennial dialogue between the two Prime Ministers, (ii) India-UK cooperation in a trilateral framework to assist the developing countries in addressing their development challenges, (iii) Launch of a new Defence and International Security Partnership with stronger defence collaboration, deeper cooperation in counter terrorism, cyber security, maritime security and global issues, (iv) Agreement on civil nuclear cooperation (v) Announcement of the intention of to issue India's first Government-backed Rupee Bonds in London (vi) Launch of a new South Asia Dialogue addressing terrorism, connectivity and maritime issues (vii) New Biennial Ministerial Dialogue on Development, (viii) Revival of CEO Forum (ix) Establishment of fast-track mechanism for UK's investments into India and setting up of India-UK Partnership fund under the National Infrastructure Investment Fund (NIIF).

Outcomes of the discussions held and areas identified for future cooperation including deeper collaboration in finance, economic and business engagement, infrastructure, defence, counter-terrorism, science and technology, education and culture are reflected in the Joint Statement and four other outcome documents issued by the two Prime Ministers namely the Vision Statement, Joint Statement on Energy and Climate Change, Defence and International Security Partnership and the Statement of Intent on Partnership for Cooperation in Third Countries.

Building on the 2010 Joint Declaration on civil nuclear cooperation, an agreement on cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy was signed during the visit of the Hon'ble PM to UK from 12-14 November 2015. This will allow the two countries to cooperate in a wide range of areas including nuclear safety, use of nuclear energy for generation of electricity, water desalination, agriculture, healthcare, industry and medicine etc. Twelve agreements announced during this visit are as below: (i) Agreement between India and United Kingdom for cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy (ii) Memorandum of Understanding between India and United Kingdom on cooperation in the energy sector (iii) Memorandum of Understanding between Ministry of Ayush and Royal London Hospital for Integrated Medicine on cooperation in the field of research and education in Homeopathic Medicine (iv) Memorandum of Understanding between Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Cabinet Office on cooperation on public administration and governance reforms (v) Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Atomic Energy and the Department of Energy and Climate Change on cooperation with India's Global Centre for Nuclear Energy Partnership (vi) Memorandum of Understanding between Ministry of Railways and Department for Transport on technical cooperation in the railways sector (vii) Statement of Intent on partnership for cooperation in the Third Countries (viii) Joint announcement by India and UK on setting up of fast track system for UK companies in India (ix) MoU on Ease of Doing Business (x) MoU on Skill Development (xi) MoU on Crop Sciences (xii) Letter of Intent in the areas of Climate Change, Agriculture, Antimicrobial Resistance and Vaccine

Development

During the recent visit of PM to UK, the two Prime Ministers in addition to condemning terrorism in all its forms and manifestations directed their relevant officials to have close and regular consultations on UN terrorist designations. The two Prime Ministers also reiterated their call for Pakistan to bring the perpetrators of the November 2008 terrorist attack in Mumbai to justice. Both sides reaffirmed their cooperation in counter terrorism by enhancing (i) joint efforts to finalize the CCIT and disrupt financial and tactical support for terrorist networks including ISIL, Al Qaeda, Lashkar-e-Toiba, Hizb-ul-Mujahideen, the Haqqanis and associated groups. (ii) cooperation in cyber security and establishment of a Cyber Security Training Centre of Excellence and Cyber Crime Coordination Centre. Commitment for bilateral cooperation in counter terrorism is reflected in the new Defence and International Security Partnership.

Visit to Turkey on 15-16 November, 2015 PM led the Indian delegation to the 10th G20 Summit in Antalya, Turkey on 15-16 November 2015.

The Summit Agenda included Development and Climate; Terrorism and Refugee crisis; Global Economy, Growth and Employment and Investment Strategies; Enhancing Resilience: Financial Regulation, International Tax, Anti-Corruption, IMF Reforms; and Trade and Energy.

The Communiqué called for promotions of quality jobs, better integration of the youth into labour markets, commitment to strengthen efforts to protect and provide assistance to refugees and displaced persons, participation of SMEs in Global Value Chains, commitment to reduce global average remittance cost to 5%, Investments into agriculture, commitment to reducing food losses and waste, improving market transparency, and paying particular attention to smallholder and family farmer, rural women and youth. Terrorism and Refugee Crisis were discussed at the Summit.

Highlights of the G20 Standalone Statement on fight against terrorism included unequivocal condemnation of all acts, methods and practices of terrorism, reaffirmation that terrorism should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilization or ethnic group. The central role of the UN in the fight against terrorism is recognized in the statement. The statement also stressed tackling financing channels of terrorism through enhanced cooperation and exchange of information as well as through implementation of Financial Action Task Force standards.

Visit to Malaysia

21-23 November, 2015 Prime Minister visited Malaysia from 21-23 November 2015 and participated in ASEAN-India and East Asia Summit meetings held in Kuala Lumpur respectively on 21 November and 22 November 2015, including India-Malaysia bilateral meeting on 23 November 2015.

During the bilateral meeting, the areas of bilateral cooperation including Defence, Education, English Language Training, Culture, Administrative Reforms and Training, Trade & Investment, Infrastructure, Ayurveda and Traditional Medicines etc. During India-Malaysia bilateral meeting, following MoUs/agreements were signed:

(i) Cultural Exchange Programme Agreement between the Government of India and the Government of Malaysia for the period 2015-2020

(ii) MoU between the Government of India and the Government of Malaysia on Cooperation in the area of Performance management, Project Delivery and Monitoring Related to the Government Programmes & Delivery

(iii) MoU between the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) (Department of Electronics and Information Technology) of Government of India and Cyber Security Malaysia on Cooperation in the area of Cyber Security

Visit to Singapore

23-24 November 2015 PM made his first official visit to Singapore from 23-24 November 2015. The visit coincided with 50th year of both, Singapore's independence, and India-Singapore bilateral relations.

During the visit, PM held talks with Singapore PM. He called on President, and met Emeritus Sr Minister Goh Chok Tong. Discussions focused on entire gamut of bilateral relations and matters of mutual interest in regional and multilateral fora. PM also interacted with members of Singaporean business community and Indian community in Singapore.

The relationship between India and Singapore was raised to the strategic level, with signing of Joint Declaration on Strategic Partnership, and Joint Statement on Strategic Partnership elaborating on the areas of cooperation. An enhanced Defence Cooperation Agreement was also signed. Nine (9) other agreements in areas of Combating Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and their Precursors; Cooperation in the area of Cyber Security; Cooperation in Airport Sector; Capacity Building in Urban Governance (SCE); Cooperation in ICT and Electronics; Executive Programme for the years 2015-18; Extension of Loan of Artefacts; NITI Aayog and Singapore Cooperation Enterprise; and Letter of intent to Collaborate between NITI Aayog of India and the Temasek Foundation CLG of Singapore

Annexure 'B'

External Affairs Minister's visits

The details of foreign trips undertaken by the Minister of External Affairs during the last one year to till date Expenditure incurred The details of discussions held and areas identified for cooperation. Agreements Signed

(a)

Visit to Morocco

30 January-01 February 2014 GOI Missions abroad debit expenditure incurred to relevant agencies involved with the visit. This

information is being collected. Accompanied by an official delegation, paid an official visit to Morocco as part of a three-nation tour to the North African region that included Morocco, Tunisia and Sudan. The visit was historic in nature, being the first by an EAM to Morocco. EAM called on King Mohammed VI and had meetings with the Head of Government (Prime Minister), President of House of Representatives (Lower House), President of House of Councilors (Upper House), and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. The two sides undertook a comprehensive review of bilateral relations and discussed ways to enhance bilateral cooperation in various fields. During the visit, India and Morocco signed two cooperation agreements in the fields of environment and marine fisheries viz., Agreement on Environmental Cooperation and MoU on Cooperation in Marine Fisheries. During the visit, EAM was treated as State Guest.

Visit to Tunisia

2-3 February 2014 Paid a 2-day official visit to the Republic of Tunisia in a first-ever bilateral visit at EAM level from India since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries in 1958. EAM called on the President H.E. Dr. Moncef Marzouki, Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Mehdi Jomaa and met with Foreign Minister H.E. Mr. Mongi Hamdi. He also met with Sheikh Rashid Ghannouchi, President, Ennahda party and Mr. Beji Caid Essebsi, President, Nida Tounes party. EAM conveyed the felicitations of the government and the people of India to the Tunisian leadership on the historic achievement of the adoption of the Constitution by the democratically-elected National Constituent Assembly. He also conveyed India's wholehearted support for the people of Tunisia in their struggle for democracy and India's admiration for the significant progress made by the government and leadership of Tunisia in the transition towards a durable democracy. In his discussions with his Tunisian counterpart, he reviewed bilateral relations where the Tunisian side suggested establishing a JBC for exploring possibilities of setting up joint projects in the pharmaceuticals and IT fields. They also had an exchange of views on regional and international issues.

Visit to Netherlands

24-25 March 2014 Led the Indian delegation to the Third Nuclear Security Summit (NSS) hosted by the Netherlands in The Hague from 24-25 March 2014.

Visit to Bhutan, 15-16 June 2014 First visit abroad by Prime Minister after assuming office. EAM accompanied PM. The entire gamut of our unique and special relations with Bhutan was discussed. 1. Doubling of Nehru-Wangchuk Scholarships (from Rs. 1 crore to Rs. 2 crore annually)

2. Establishment of E-library

Visit to Nepal, 25-27 July 2014 India-Nepal Joint Commission meeting was held after 23 years. The entire gamut of bilateral relations was discussed. Meetings were held with President, Prime Minister and major political leaders. 1. MoU for the installation of 2700 shallow tube wells in Terai region of Nepal

Bilateral visit to Myanmar on August 11, 2014.

During the visit, EAM had discussions with her counterpart, the Foreign Minister of Myanmar, U Wunna Maung Lwin and reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral relations including issues related to security, trade and investment, development cooperation and connectivity. EAM called on Myanmar President Thein Sein during the visit and also met Speaker of the Lower House of Myanmar Parliament Thura Shwe Mann.

Visit to Singapore

16 August 2014 Visited Singapore to launch commemorative events to celebrate 50th Anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Singapore.

Visit to Vietnam

23-26 August, 2014 External Affairs Minister visited Hanoi from 23-26 August 2014 to chair the Regional HOMs Conference on 24 August 2014. During the visit, she held bilateral discussions with the Vietnamese side and also co-inaugurated the 3rd Roundtable of the ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks (AINTT) with Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mr. Pham Binh Minh. She also chaired the Regional Ambassadors' Conference and met 16 Indian Heads of Mission from the region. Discussions with the Vietnamese side covered all aspects of bilateral relations.

Visit to Bahrain

06-07 September 2014 Matters of mutual interest were discussed during meetings with Bahraini leadership Two agreements were signed between Overseas Indian Facilitation Centre () and the Bahrain Economic Development Board and the Bahrain India Society.

Visit to UAE

10-12 September 2014 Matters of bilateral, regional and multilateral interests were discussed

Visit to US

24 September- 02 October, 2014 During her visit to US from 24 September to 02 October 2014, besides participating in UNGA, EAM participated in the India-CELAC Quartet Foreign Ministers' Meeting, G-4 Foreign Ministers' Meeting, BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

External Affairs Minister represented India at General Debate in UN and delivered statement on 1 October. She hosted BRICS Ministerial Meeting and India-CARICOM Foreign Ministers' Meeting and also participated in the India-US-Japan Trilateral Meeting, India-CELAC Foreign Ministers' Meeting, SAARC Foreign Ministers' Lunch, and India-GCC Joint Ministerial Meeting on 29-30 September apart from engaging in bilateral discussions with her counterparts from UK, Syria, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka and the Commonwealth Secretary General.

Visit to UK

October 2014 To inaugurate the Regional Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas in London and held bilateral discussions on issues of mutual interest with the UK Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond during the visit

Visit to Mauritius on 1-3 November, 2014 To attend 180th anniversary of the arrival of indentured labourers in Mauritius

Visit to Nepal, 25-27 November 2014 The visit was to attend the SAARC Summit in Nepal. Bilateral meetings were held with leaders of Nepal.

1. MoU on Nepal Police Academy

2. MoU on Tourism

3. MoU on Traditional Medicines

4. MoU on Youth Exchange

5. Agreement new US \$ 1 billion Line of Credit to Nepal

6. Motor Vehicles Agreement

7. Project Development Agreement for 900 MW Arun III Hydroelectric Project

8-10. Twin City Agreements between (i) Ayodhya -Janakpur, (ii) Kathmandu-Varanasi, and (iii) Lumbini-Bodh Gaya

Visit to Republic of Korea

28-30 December 2014 Deliberations were held on bilateral cooperation in areas including Trade & Investment, Shipping, Defence, S&T, Culture etc. Regional and Global issues were also discussed. Ongoing cooperation in areas including defence, IT/ICT, Culture, Trade and Investment etc. being undertaken under the aegis of MoUs/Agreements was discussed. Regular dialogue mechanisms and close cooperation in areas of mutual interest is envisaged.

Visit to Turkey

15-16 January 2015 Working visit.

Visit to China

31 January-03 February 2015 It was EAM's first visit to China. She held bilateral talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and had a meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping. Discussions included the full range of issues in the bilateral relationship, including political and security issues, economic relations and people-to-people contacts. They also discussed various regional and international issues of mutual concern. During the visit, an agreement to operationalize the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra through Nathu La, beginning June this year was reached. EAM launched the visit India Year in China. People-to-people exchanges are important for strengthening of mutual understanding. The second round of High Level Media Forum was held in Beijing. EAM inaugurated it along with the Minister, State Council Information Office. EAM also participated in Russia-India-China Foreign Minister's meeting. China and Russia supported our membership of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). Both Russia and China expressed support for our membership of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

Visit to Sri Lanka, 15-18 February 2015 Preparatory to visit of Prime Minister's visit

Visit to Oman

17-18 February 2015 Matters of bilateral, regional and multilateral interests were discussed

Visit to Turkmenistan

7-9 April, 2015 EAM had bilateral meeting with Turkmen Foreign Minister and discussed issues of bilateral, regional and international importance.

EAM called on Turkmen President and held discussions on initiatives and measures to further develop bilateral relations in energy, science and technology, defence, culture and connectivity.

EAM also had bilateral meeting with Deputy Prime Minister of Culture and Media of Turkmenistan on cooperation in the field of culture and organisation of International Day of Yoga in Ashgabat. i. MoU on upgradation of Turkmen India Industrial Training Centre in Ashgabat.

Visit to Indonesia

21-24 April, 2015 In connection with 60th Asian African Conference Commemoration. She held talks with Mr. Jusuf Kalla, Vice President of Indonesia and Mrs. Megawati Sukarnoputri, Former President of Indonesia on the sidelines of the conference. Matters of mutual interest of bilateral, regional and multilateral cooperation were discussed.

Visit to South Africa on 19th May 2015 To co-chair the 9th session of India South Joint Ministerial Commission meeting in Durban

Visit to US

20-22 June 2015 EAM visited New York for the International Day of Yoga celebrations.

Visit to Nepal, 25 June 2015 To attend the International Conference on Nepal's Reconstruction (ICNR), a Donors Conference organised by Government of Nepal for post-earthquake reconstruction. EAM announced GoI's commitment of US\$ 1 billion, one-fourth of which would be as grant, for Nepal's post-earthquake reconstruction and rehabilitation.

Visit to Thailand

27-29 June 2015 EAM had paid an official visit to co-chair the 7th Meeting of India-Thailand Joint Commission and to attend the 16th World Sanskrit Conference in Bangkok from 27-29 June 2015. Following agreements/MOUs were signed during the visit :

1. Agreed Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the Thailand-India Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation
2. ProcÃ's Verbal of Exchange of Instruments of Ratification of the Treaty on Extradition
3. Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of Nalanda University
4. Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to taxes on Income
5. Memorandum of Understanding between Ministry of AYUSH, the Government of the Republic of India and Rangsit University, Thailand on the Establishment of the "Academic Chair" in Ayurveda

Visit to Egypt

23-25 August 2015 EAM held discussions with Mr. Abdel Fattah Al Sisi, President of Egypt, Mr. Nabil ElAraby, Secretary General, League of Arab States and Mr. Sameh Hassan Shoukry, Minister of Foreign Affairs and discussed bilateral political, economic, cultural relations, consular matters and multilateral issues. Two MoUs were signed during the visit: (i) MoU between India and Egypt on Cooperation in the field of Tourism; (ii) MoU between Council of Scientific and Industrial Research(SCIR) of India and the National Research Centre(NRC) of Egypt for Scientific and Technical Cooperation.

EAM's Visit to Germany

26-28 August 2015 Visit to prepare for the visit of Chancellor Merkel to India for the 3rd Indo-German Inter-Governmental Consultations which was held in October 2015 in India. During her meeting with German Foreign Minister, both the leaders took stock of the ongoing bilateral cooperation in the areas of mutual interest identified in the Joint Statement issued during the PM's visit to Berlin in April, 2015. Both the leaders discussed possible outcomes during 3rd IGC in the areas of security, manufacturing & skills development, innovation & education, infrastructure and Energy & Environment.

Visit to US

21-23 September 2015 EAM visited Washington DC for the first Ministerial India-US Strategic and Commercial Dialogue. A Joint Statement was issued after the first Ministerial India-US Strategic and Commercial Dialogue held in Washington DC on September 22, 2015. A Joint Declaration on Combating Terrorism was also issued.

Visit to US

29 September – 02 October 2015 EAM visited New York to take part in the UN General Assembly meetings. She also attended the first India-US-Japan Trilateral Ministerial Dialogue on September 29, 2015 held on the sidelines in New York. A Joint Press Release was issued after the first Ministerial India–US–Japan Trilateral Dialogue held in New York on September 29, 2015.

EAM's visit to Maldives, 10-11 October, 2015 To Co-Chair the meeting of the Joint Commission. During the visit EAM called on the President of Maldives and held meetings with the Foreign Minister, Economic Affairs Minister and the Health Minister. Both countries agreed to take forward the relationship in sectors such as defence and security, health, connectivity and communications, energy, HRD, consular issues and culture and tourism. i)Cooperation between the Indian FSI and the Maldivian FOSIM ii)Cooperation in Sports and Youth Affairs

Visit to Russia

19-21 October, 2015 EAM and Deputy Chairman of the Government of Russian Federation had extensive discussions on bilateral issues and measures to enhance trade and economic relations between India and Russia. The Ministers agreed to expand cooperation in the field of Trade and economy, energy and energy efficiency, tourism and culture, S&T, IT sector, Investment opportunities, Modernisation and Industrial Cooperation, Mining, fertilizers, civil aviation, banking & financial matters and civil nuclear cooperation.

EAM also held bilateral meeting with the Foreign Minister of Russian Federation and discussed regional and global issues of mutual concern. i. Protocol of the 21st session of the India Russia Inter- Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation.

Annexure 'C'

Visits by the Foreign Dignitaries

The details of visits made by Foreign dignitaries during last year & current year The details of talks held and the sectors decided for further cooperation Agreements Signed Remarks

(b)

Deputy Foreign Minister of Poland

11-15 February 2014 To participate in Indian Energy Summit in New Delhi and Asian Mining Congress in Kolkata.

PM of Mauritius visited on May 14, 2014 To attend swearing in ceremony of new Government of India

Pakistan's PM visited India on May 26/27, 2014 Pakistan's Prime Minister visited India at the invitation of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi from May 26-27, 2014 to attend the swearing – in ceremony of the new Indian Government on May 26, 2014. Bilateral talks with the Pakistan Prime Minister were also held the next day.

The two Prime Ministers agreed that the Foreign Secretaries of both sides would get in touch to explore how to move bilateral relations forward. Furthermore Prime Minister conveyed India's readiness to work with Pakistan to achieve full normalization of trade relations on the basis of the September 2012 'Roadmap'. Prime Minister underlined India's concerns related to violence and terrorism. He underlined the importance of maintaining peace and tranquility at the borders and upholding the sanctity of the Line of Control during the meeting with the Prime Minister of Pakistan. Prime Minister further conveyed India's concerns at the slow progress being made in the Mumbai terror attack trials presently underway in Pakistan.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi shared with the Prime Minister of Pakistan India's vision of a SAARC region built on partnerships for development and mutual prosperity with all our neighbors and expressed the hope that India-Pakistan relations would progress in the economic, cultural and political fields in the same manner that India's relations with her other SAARC neighbors have progressed in recent years.

Prime Minister of Bhutan, 25-28 May 2014 To attend the swearing in ceremony of PM.

Prime Minister of Nepal, 26-28 May 2014 To attend the swearing in ceremony of PM.

UK Foreign Secretary

July 2014 Bilateral discussions held during these visits focused on cooperation in the areas of Trade and Economic Engagement, Science and Technology, High Technology, Education, Defence Collaboration, Education, Healthcare, People-to-People exchanges. Regional and global issues of mutual interest were also discussed.

Secretary of State of the US

30 July-01 August 2014 Secretary of State of the United States John Kerry visited India to co-chair the 5th India-US Strategic Dialogue in New Delhi. A Joint Statement was issued after the meeting.

Prime Minister of Australia

4-5 September 2014 Discussions were held on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA), Defence and Security Cooperation, Energy Security, Civil Nuclear Agreement, Knowledge Sector, Science and Technology, Skill Development and Water Resources.

a) Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy

b) MOU on cooperation in Sport

c) Renewal of MOU on cooperation in the field of Water Resources Management

d) MoU on Cooperation in Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET)

German Foreign Minister

8 September, 2014 He called on PM and EAM and discussed potential areas of bilateral cooperation, including skills development, clean energy, waste management, cleaning of rivers, etc. His meeting with EAM focused on international issues including Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran and Ukraine.

. During the meeting between Prime Minister and German Chancellor during the 3rd IGC, both the leaders shared their common concern about the growing threat and global reach of terrorism and extremism and underscored their readiness to build closer collaboration to counter these challenges. They condemned terrorist violence in all its forms and manifestations, whether in the Middle East or in any other part of the world. They called for a political solution in Syria to successfully fight terrorism and end the violence there. They emphasized the importance of national reconciliation and unity in Iraq through efforts to reach out to all segments of the Iraqi society and create an inclusive state system. Both the sides agreed to develop further cooperation through regular meetings of the Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism. 2 MoUs in the area of security including counter-terrorism, counterfeit currency, narco

and human trafficking; and aviation security were also signed during the visit.

Chinese President

17 to 19 September 2014 Chinese President Mr. Xi Jinping paid a state visit to India from 17 to 19 September 2014. During the visit, President Xi Jinping met with President Pranab Mukherjee and held talks with Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India. A total of 16 agreements were signed during the visit in various sectors including, commerce & trade, railways, space-cooperation, pharmaceuticals, audio-visual co-production, culture, establishment of industrial parks, sister-city arrangements etc. The two sides also signed a MoU to open an additional route for Kailash Mansarovar Yatra through Nathu La. The Chinese side agreed to establish two Chinese Industrial Parks in India and expressed their intention to enhance Chinese investment in India. The two sides discussed full range of issues in the bilateral relationship, including political and security issues, economic relations and people-to-people contacts. Prime Minister raised concern over repeated incidents along the border. The two leaders agreed that peace and tranquility in the border region constitutes an essential foundation for mutual trust and confidence and for realizing the full potential of our relationship. It was suggested that clarification of Line of Actual Control would greatly contribute to the efforts to maintain peace and tranquility. India and China have common interests on several multilateral issues of global importance like climate change, WTO, reform of the international financial institutions etc. This is reflected in close cooperation and coordination between the two sides within the BRICS, G-20 and other fora. There are regular meetings between India and China at various levels, including at the highest level. Both sides are committed to resolving bilateral issues through dialogue and peaceful negotiations and in a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable manner.

1. Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China on Opening a New Route for Indian Pilgrimage (Kailash Mansarovar Yatra) to the Tibet Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China

2. Memorandum of Understanding between Ministry of Railways of the Government of Republic of India and the Government of People's Republic of China on strengthening cooperation in Railways

3. Action Plan between Ministry of Railways of the Government of Republic of India and the National Railway Administration of the Government of People's Republic of China on strengthening cooperation in Railways

4. Five year Trade and Economic Development Plan between Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the Government of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Commerce of the Government of the People's Republic of China

5. Agreed Minutes of the Tenth Session of India-China Joint Economic Group

6. Agreement on Audio-Visual Co-production between The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting of the Republic of India and the State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television of The People's Republic of China

7. Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the People's Republic of China On mutual administrative assistance and co-operation in Customs matters

8. Memorandum of Understanding between Indian Space Research Organisation and China National Space Administration on Cooperation in the Peaceful use of Space

9. Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Culture of the People's Republic of China on Strengthening the Exchange and Cooperation between Cultural Institutions

10. Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between National Book Trust of the Republic of India and the State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television of The People's Republic of China

11. Work Plan on Drug Administration and Cooperation Between China Food and Drug Administration of the People's Republic of China And Ministry of Health & Family Welfare of the Republic of India

12. Agreement on establishing Sister City relationship between Mumbai and Shanghai

13. Agreement on establishing Sister City relationship between Ahmedabad and Guangzhou (Signed in Gujarat)

14. Agreement on establishing Sister Province/State relationship between Gujarat and Guangdong (Signed in Gujarat)

15. Memorandum of Understanding between Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation and Beiqi Foton Motor Co.Ltd. on supporting the setting up of industrial parks in Maharashtra

16. Memorandum of Understanding between China Development Bank Corporation and iNDEXTb on supporting the setting up of industrial parks in Gujarat (Signed in Gujarat) Joint Statement issued during the visit stated, "Both sides reiterated their resolute opposition to terrorism in all its forms and manifestations with "zero tolerance", and committed themselves to cooperate on counter-terrorism. They also emphasized the need to implement all relevant UN resolutions, in particular UNSC resolutions 1267, 1373, 1540 and 1624. The two sides expressed satisfaction at the enhanced bilateral engagement at the working level on wide-ranging issues of regional and global significance. Bilateral consultations on Afghanistan, West Asia, Africa, Central Asia and Counter-terrorism have already been held and found to be meaningful."

Foreign Minister of Canada

13-14 October 2014 The then Foreign Minister of Canada visited India to co-chair the 2nd India Canada Strategic Dialogue held on October 14, 2014 in New Delhi. A Joint Statement was issued after the meeting.

Foreign Minister of Nepal

19-20 October 2014 To formally extend the invitation for SAARC Summit in Kathmandu.

Prime Minister of Vietnam

27-28 October, 2014 Prime Minister of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung paid a State Visit to India from October, 27-28, 2014. He held discussions with President, Vice President, Prime Minister, Speaker and EAM covering all aspects of bilateral relations. The high level exchanges above have further broadened, deepened and strengthened the strategic partnership between the two countries. Total 7 Agreements/MoUs were signed during the visit including on Nalanda University; establishment of English Language and IT Centre at Telecommunications University, Nha Trang; Conservation and Restoration of Cham Monuments by ASI; Cultural Exchange Programme 2015-17; Audio Visual Cooperation; Agreement between OVL and PetroVietnam; and MoU between ONGC and PetroVietnam.

Foreign Minister of Mexico, October 2014 Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, H.E. Jos  Antonio Meade Kuribre a paid an official visit to India in October 2014 to participate in the 6th Joint Commission Meeting between India and Mexico held on 22nd October 2014 An MoU between ISRO and the Mexican Space Agency on Space Cooperation for Peaceful Purposes was signed on the sidelines of the meeting.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy of Poland

January 2015 To take part in Vibrant Gujarat Summit and met with PM.

Secretary of State of US

11-12 January 2015 Secretary of State of the United States John Kerry visited India to lead the US delegation to the Vibrant Gujarat Summit.

Macedonian Prime Minister

11-17 January 2015 He attended the Vibrant Gujarat Summit in Gandhinagar, the CII-Partnership Summit in Jaipur and addressed business fora in Chennai and Kolkata. He met PM on the VGS sidelines and discussed ways to bolster business cooperation issues. Foreign Minister of Suriname, 13 January, 2015 The Foreign Minister of Suriname, H.E. Winston Lackin visited India to participate in the 5th India-Suriname Joint Commission Meeting held on 13th January 2015 in New Delhi.

Japan Foreign Minister

16 to 18 January 2015. External Affairs Minister co-chaired the 8th India-Japan Strategic Dialogue with the Japanese Foreign Minister on 17 January 2015. Foreign Minister Kishida called on Prime Minister Modi. Foreign Minister Kishida chose India as his first destination for visit after the formation of new government in Japan to emphasize the importance of the relationship with India. The two Foreign Ministers reviewed all aspects of the bilateral relations and exchanged views on regional and international issues of mutual interest. Both Ministers expressed satisfaction on the progress made on the decisions taken during Prime Ministers' meeting in September 2014. 'India-Japan Investment Promotion Partnership' envisages doubling the number of Japanese companies in India in the next five years. As on October 2014, the number of Japanese companies in India increased by 137 to reach 1209. Japan appreciated the improvements in the business environment in India, including the launch of new initiatives like Japan Plus. India and Japan agreed to advance strategic cooperation in the field of science and technology, as 2016 marks the 30th anniversary of conclusion of India-Japan Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Science and Technology.

Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka,

17-19 January, 2015 Preparatory to visit of Sri Lanka President

President of US

25-27 January 2015

US President Barack Obama visited India from January 25-27, 2015 as Chief Guest at India's 66th Republic Day celebrations. Three documents were jointly issued during the visit of US President Obama. They outline the outcomes from the visit and identify the way forward on bilateral cooperation. These are:

A Joint Statement titled "Saanjha Prayaas, Sabka Vikaas; Shared Effort, Prosperity for All";

The India-US Delhi Declaration of Friendship to elevate the longstanding India-US Strategic Partnership and strengthen and expand bilateral relations;

The India-US Joint Strategic Vision for the Asia-Pacific and Indian Ocean Region to promote peace, prosperity and stability in the region.

French Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Development

05th February, 2015 To participate the Delhi Sustainable Summit. He called on PM and met EAM, Minister of Railways, and Minister of State for Environment, Forests and Climate Change and discussed issues of bilateral interest.

President of Singapore

08-11 February 2015 Visited India on the occasion of 50th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Singapore. He called on Hon'ble President of India. He also met Prime Minister of India and External Affairs Minister. They had wide ranging discussions on enhancement of bilateral relations and strengthening of cooperation on regional and international issues. The discussions covered sectors such as smart cities, skill development, science & technology, space and fighting terrorism etc.

Foreign Minister of Maldives, 14-15 February, 2015 To brief EAM on developments in Maldives.

President of Sri Lanka, 15-18 February, 2015 The discussions covered a wide range of issues of mutual interest, including political developments in Sri Lanka. i) Agreement between Sri Lanka and India on Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy

ii) Programme of Cultural Cooperation between Sri Lanka and India for the years 2015 – 18

iii) MoU on the Establishment of Nalanda University

iv) Work-Plan 2015-2016 under the MoU on Cooperation in the field of Agriculture

Foreign Minister of Bahrain

22-23 February 2015 Matters of bilateral, regional and multilateral interests were discussed MOU on Water Resource Development and Management

Luxembourg Foreign Minister

1-2 March, 2015 He met EAM. During the meeting, both the leaders discussed issues of mutual interest including bilateral trade, banking, investment opportunities in new Government of India schemes viz., Smart Cities, Clean Ganga, Skill Development and Make in India. EAM highlighted the issue of terrorism emanating from Pakistan and mentioned that terrorism and dialogue cannot go together. This was acknowledged by Luxembourg side.

UK Foreign Secretary

March 2015 Bilateral discussions held during these visits focused on cooperation in the areas of trade and economic engagement, science and technology, high technology, education, defence collaboration, education, healthcare, people-to-people exchanges. Regional and global issues of mutual interest were also discussed.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand

10-11 March 2015 This was an official visit to India and the dignitary attended Delhi Dialogue VII on 10-11 March 2015.

Emir of Qatar

24-25 March 2015 Matters of bilateral, regional and multilateral interests were discussed Agreement on Transfer of Sentenced Persons;

MOU between Foreign Service Institute and Qatar Diplomatic Institute;

MOUs for cooperation in the field of Information, Communication & Technology, Scientific and Technical Cooperation;

MOU for Cooperation in the field of Radio and Television and Agreement for Mutual Cooperation and Exchange of News

The Foreign Minister of Spain

April 2015 Discussions on issues of mutual interest were held between EAM and Spanish Foreign Minister. A Joint Communiqué was issued reflecting the outcomes of discussions held to enhance cooperation in bilateral economic engagement, urban development, renewable energy, defence collaboration, counter terrorism, security, regional and international issues of mutual interest.

Enhancing cooperation in the area of counter terrorism was one of the areas discussed by the two Ministers during this visit. Both the Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to fight against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and strongly condemned terrorist attacks. Expressing concern about the spread of violent extremism, which poses a serious threat to the security of both India and Spain, the Ministers reiterated the need for the entire international community to increase cooperation in the fight against terrorism through a comprehensive security-cum-development approach. The two Ministers launched a regular Security Policy Dialogue, led by the two Foreign Ministries to assess common strategic security challenges, exchange points of view and enhance cooperation at bilateral and multilateral level. Inaugural Security Policy Dialogue was held on 22 September in Madrid.

Foreign Minister of Australia

12-15 April, 2015 To attend the annual Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue (FMFD). During FMFD with EAM, entire gamut of bilateral relations were discussed including Strategic Partnership, bilateral trade and investment, Civil Nuclear cooperation, Defence and Security Cooperation, Cooperation in the Knowledge Sector, People to People Links, Regional and Multilateral Issues. No agreement was signed during the visit.

Foreign Minister of Belarus

14-16 April, 2015 EAM and Belarusian FM discussed bilateral issues including high-level political engagement, trade and investment, science and technology, defence, energy, culture as well as the State visit of Rashtrapati to Belarus in June 2015. Belarusian FM also called on Rashtrapati.

President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

27-29 April 2015 President Ghani and Prime Minister held extensive discussion and reviewed bilateral cooperation activities and the international security environment.

The two leaders reaffirmed their commitment to the full implementation of the strategic partnership objectives through the established mechanism of Partnership Council and its related joint working groups.

The Prime minister assured the President of Afghanistan of India's abiding support for Afghanistan's ongoing crucial transitions-political, economic and security. The two sides reaffirmed their commitment to each other's unity, integrity and sovereignty, while agreeing that their territories will not be allowed to be used against any other country.

Foreign Minister of Tajikistan

11-15 May, 2015 EAM and Tajik FM had in-depth discussion on various aspects of bilateral relations such as defence, trade and economy, counter-terrorism, consular, capacity building and culture, in addition to regional and global issues of mutual interest. Protocol on Cooperation between Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan for the period 2015-17.

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary

20 May 2015 He met CM of Maharashtra and business leaders.

Prime Minister of the Netherlands

5-6 June 2015 He accompanied by a large business delegation. The two sides had wide ranging discussions on bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest. Noting the tremendous complementarities between Dutch competencies and India's current needs in priority sectors, they agreed that Netherlands was uniquely placed to become a preferred partner in key sectors such as water management, clean water technologies, shipping & inland waterways, infrastructure development, port and airport upgrading, smart cities, renewable energies & power, sanitation and solid waste management, skill development, agro processing and dairy farming, horticulture and floriculture. A joint programme of cooperation between Department of Heavy Industry, India and Ministry of Economic Affairs, Netherlands was also signed during the visit. The two sides also agreed upon a number of specific initiatives of mutual interest through a Roadmap for Cooperation.

The leaders expressed concern about the serious threat posed by the spread of violent extremism and terrorism to both countries. Both the Prime Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and reiterated the need for a unified and collective effort by the international community to eliminate terrorism through a holistic approach, including the implementation of the U.N. Global Counter Terrorism Strategy and early conclusion of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism. To enhance bilateral cooperation in this area, both leaders welcomed the setting up of a Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism, the first meeting of which was convened on 19 June 2015 in New Delhi. JWG deliberated upon counter terrorism challenges, bilateral cooperation including joint capacity building as well as discussed multilateral cooperation.

President of Tanzania, 17-20 June 2015

State Visit 21 MOU between the East Africa Statistical Training Center (EASTC) in Tanzania and the National Statistical System Training Academy (NSSTA) in India on establishing a collaborative program in official statistics

ii) MOU between EASTC and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)- Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (IASRI)

iii) MOU on Cooperation in the field of Tourism

iv) MOU for Cooperation in the field of Hydrography between Tanzania and India

Deputy Prime Minister of Turkmenistan

21 July, 2015 Mr. Baymyrat Hojамammedov held bilateral discussions with Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas. The two sides discussed various aspects of collaboration between the two countries in the field of hydrocarbons and agreed to work with greater commitment to enhance bilateral energy ties. They reiterated their commitments towards the TAPI project and promised to work towards the early commencement of the project.

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Lao PDR

August 2015 In connection with the 8th Joint Commission Meeting between the two countries. The Joint Commission Meeting discussed the entire gamut of bilateral relations between India and Lao PDR.

President of Mozambique, 6-7 August 2015 State Visit MoU on Cooperation in the field of Renewable Energy
Foreign Minister of Iran

August 14, 2015 Foreign Minister called on Vice President and the Prime Minister. He had wide-ranging discussions with the External Affairs Minister. He also met the Union Minister of Shipping and Road Transport and Highways.

Prime Minister of Bangladesh

August 19, 2015 To attend the funeral of Smt. Suvra Mukherjee, wife of President Pranab Mukherjee

Presidents of Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau; Prime Ministers of Fiji, Niue, PNG, Samoa, Tuvalu, Vanuatu; Vice President of Micronesia and senior Ministers and officials from Kuka islands, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Tonga.

21 August 2015

To attend the 2nd Summit of Forum for India Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC).

Bilateral discussions were held between our Prime Minister and the Prime Ministers of Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu on the side lines of the Summit in Jaipur on 21st August, 2015. The discussions focussed on bilateral, regional & international matters of mutual interests in addition to key areas such as defence, IT, Solar energy, health sector, coconut, coir sectors, etc.

Although no agreement was signed during the Summit, Prime Minister extended assistance to the Pacific Island Countries in areas such as setting up of IT Labs in each of the 14 PICs, solar electrification of 2800 houses in 14 PICs, grant of gratis e-Tourist Visas to citizens of PICs, capacity building in education sector, culture, climate and defence.

President of Seychelles

25-27 August State Visit 22- Protocol on Framework for Co-operation in the field of Blue Economy and setting up of the 1 JWG on Blue Economy

ii) MoU for adoption of Revised Bilateral Air Services Agreement

iii) MoU in Agriculture between Seychelles Agriculture Agency & Indian Council for Agricultural Research

iv) Tax Information Exchange Agreement

v) MoU between India and Seychelles for providing of one "Dornier-228 maritime aircraft

Foreign Minister of UAE

03-04 September 2015 Matters of bilateral, regional and multilateral interests were discussed MOUs for cooperation in the areas of Tourism; Higher Education and Scientific Research; Specifications and Metrology; Cooperation between Telecom Regulatory Authorities; and between FICCI and its UAE counter-part.

Visit of Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, 14-16 September, 2015 Discussions during the visits covered a wide range of issues of mutual interest, including political developments in Sri Lanka i) Bilateral Agreement between India and Sri Lanka on Orbit Frequency Coordination of Satellite for SAARC Region

ii) Renewal of MoU regarding Indian grant assistance for implementation of Small Developmental Projects (SDP) through local bodies, non-governmental organizations, charitable trusts and education and vocational institutions.

iii) Exchange of Letters on Establishment of Emergency Ambulance Services in Sri Lanka

Visit of German Chancellor

4 – 6 October, 2015 For the 3rd Indo-German Inter-Governmental Consultations. She was accompanied by 4 Cabinet Ministers including German Foreign Minister Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, 3 Parliamentary State Secretaries and 2 State Secretaries. Prime Minister and Chancellor Merkel discussed across a wide range of issues including bilateral economic agenda, defence cooperation, intelligence sharing, export control, terrorism and other areas of mutual concerns. On global issues, the leaders had candid and in-depth exchanges on Syria, Ukraine, AfPak, China, G4 initiative for UNSC membership, refugee crisis in Europe, etc. Building on the Joint Statement issued during PM's visit to Berlin during April 2015, both the leaders agreed to advance collaboration in identified areas of mutual concern. following 18 agreements were finalised and signed during 3rd IGC in the areas of security, trade & investment, manufacturing, skilling, clean energy, railways, innovation & education, environment, language and Science and Technology:

(i) Joint Declaration of Intent between the Ministry of Human Resource Development of the Republic of India and the Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany regarding the Promotion of German as a Foreign Language in India and the Promotion of Modern Indian Languages in Germany; (ii) Summary Record of the Negotiations on Development Cooperation between the Government of India and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany; (iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy of the Republic of India on Indo-German Development Cooperation Regarding the Indo-German Solar Energy Partnership (iv) Joint Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship of the Republic of India, on one Hand, and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of the Republic of Germany, on the other Hand, on Cooperation in the Field of Skill Development and Vocational Education and Training (v) Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Republic of India and the Federal Ministry of the Interior of the Federal Republic of Germany on Security Cooperation (vi) Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Civil Aviation of the Republic of India and the Federal Ministry of the Interior of the Federal Republic of Germany on Aviation Security (vii) Joint Declaration of Intent between the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Republic of India and the Federal Ministry of the Interior of the Federal Republic of Germany on Cooperation in the Field of Disaster Management; (viii) Joint Declaration between the Ministry of Science and Technology (Government of the Republic of India) and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (Government of the Federal Republic of Germany) on the extension of the tenure of the Indo-German Science and Technology Centre (IGSTC); (ix) Memorandum of Understanding between University Grants Commission (UGC), India and German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Germany on Indo-German Partnerships in Higher Education (IGP); (x) Joint Declaration of Intent between the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, (MoA&FW), Government of India, and the Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL) of the Federal Republic of Germany on Plant Protection Products; (xi) Joint Declaration of Intent on the further Development of the Cooperation in the Field of Railways between the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Ministry of Railways of the Republic of India; (xii) Memorandum

of Understanding between the Department of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises, Government of India, and Fraunhofer Society, Germany on cooperation in the field of manufacturing; (xiii) Joint Announcement on setting up a Fast-Track system for German companies in India; (xiv) Joint Declaration between the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the Republic of India on the continuation of the cooperation in the field of advanced training of corporate executives and junior executives from India; (xv) Joint Statement of Intent on Cooperation in Food Safety between the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) and the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI); (xvi) Joint Statement of Intent between the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and the Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL) on Cooperation in Food Safety; (xvii) Memorandum of Understanding between the German Agribusiness Alliance and Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI) on Cooperation in Agricultural Studies; (xviii) Letter of Intent between the Department of Science and Technology, Government of the Republic of India (DST), the Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings (Council), and the Foundation Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings (Foundation) on supporting participation of Indian young scientists in Natural Sciences for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings.

Deputy Foreign Minister of Poland

5-6 October 2015 To participate in the India-central Europe Business Forum.

Poland was a partner country in the forum. An MoU on Visa Waiver Agreement for holder of diplomatic passport was signed during the meeting.

Foreign Minister of Uruguay, 8 October 2015 Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay, H.E. Rodolfo Nin Novoa visited India on 8 October 2015 and held discussed with EAM. They discussed the entire gamut of bilateral cooperation and agreed that to enhance cooperation in the areas including trade and investment, culture, tourism and agriculture

Foreign Minister of Singapore

12 October 2015 Visited India to hold Joint Ministerial Committee meeting between India and Singapore, during which entire gamut of relationship was discussed.

Foreign Minister of Philippines

13-15 October, 2015 Mr. Albert Del F. Rosario, Secretary (Foreign Minister), Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Philippines visited India from 13-15 October, 2015 for co-chairing 3rd Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation.. He also called on Vice President during this visit. Instrument of Ratification of Extradition Treaty was exchanged and Executive Program on Cultural Exchanges 2016-18 was signed

Dy.Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Nepal

17-19 October, 2015 His first visit abroad within a week of assuming office.

Minister of External Relations of Brazil, 18-19 October, 2015 Minister of External Relations of Brazil, H.E Mr. Mauro Vieira, visited India on 18-19 October 2015. The 7th India-Brazil Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) co-chaired by the Hon'ble EAM Smt. Sushma Swaraj and Brazilian Minister for External Relations was held in New Delhi on 19 November 2015. They discussed the entire gamut of bilateral relations including in the areas of agriculture, energy and mining, science & technology and regional and multilateral issues. It was agreed to establish a mechanism at senior officer level to hold "Foreign Office Consultations" to take stock of the bilateral cooperation, regional & multilateral issues.

Foreign Minister of Bhutan

22-28 October, 2015 His first bilateral visit abroad. He also attended the 3rd International Dharma Dhamma Conference in Indore.

President of Djibouti, and Foreign Minister of Djibouti

23-29 October, 2015 They participated in African Trade Ministers meet and in the 3rd India-Africa Forum Summit.

President met with PM and Foreign Minister met with EAM.

President of Egypt,

23-29 October, 2015 He participated in African Trade Ministers meet and in the 3rd India-Africa Forum Summit.

President met with PM and multilateral issues along with terrorism were discussed.

King Mohammed VI of Morocco and Foreign Minister of Morocco

23-29 October 2015 They participated in African Trade Ministers meet and in the 3rd India-Africa Forum Summit.

King met with PM and Foreign Minister met with EAM. They discussed import of phosphate, joint venture in production of phosphoric acid and fertilisers, export of Indian textile, automobiles components, IT products and security issues.

President of Somalia and Foreign Minister of Somalia

23-29 October 2015 They participated in African Trade Ministers meet and in the 3rd India-Africa Forum Summit.

President met with PM and Foreign Minister met with EAM. They discussed piracy, maritime security, agriculture, fishery, infrastructure, Somali diplomats training issues.

President of South Sudan and Foreign Minister of South Sudan 23-29 October 2015 They participated in African Trade Ministers meet and in the 3rd India-Africa Forum Summit.

President met with PM and Foreign Minister met with EAM. They discussed energy, agriculture, infrastructures, human resource development, South Sudan peace process issues.

President of Sudan and Foreign Minister of Sudan

23-29 October 2015 They participated in African Trade Ministers meet and in the 3rd India-Africa Forum Summit.

President met with PM and Foreign Minister met with EAM. They discussed development partnership, international terrorism and defence issues.

Foreign Minister of Tunisia,

23-29 October 2015 He participated in African Trade Ministers meet and in the 3rd India-Africa Forum Summit.

Foreign Minister met with EAM.

Trade, economy, education and scientific cooperation issues discussed.

Vice President and Foreign Minister, Angola

Oct 26-30, 2015 The discussions covered entire gamut of bilateral relations.

During the visits as well as meetings held on the sidelines of IAFS-III, global issues of mutual concerns such as UN reform, cooperation in counter terrorism, climate change and WTO negotiations were discussed besides bilateral issues of cooperation. Cooperation in counter terrorism at both bilateral and multilateral level was also discussed in some meetings. To participate in 3rd India Africa Forum Summit

Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Sao Tome and Principe
Oct 26-30, 2015
President and Foreign Minister, Equatorial Guinea
Oct 26-30, 2015
President of Nigeria
Oct 26-30, 2015

Foreign Minister, Cameroon
Oct 26-30, 2015
President and Foreign Minister, Benin
Oct 26-30, 2015
President of Chad
Oct 26-30, 2015
Foreign Minister, DRC
Oct 26-30, 2015
Foreign Minister, ROC
Oct 26-30, 2015
President and Foreign Minister, Gabon
Oct 26-30, 2015
President and Foreign Minister, Ghana
Oct 26-30, 2015
President and Foreign Minister, Sierra Leone
Oct 26-30, 2015
Foreign Minister, Burkina Faso
Oct 26-30, 2015
President of Liberia
Oct 26-30, 2015

Foreign Minister, Togo
Oct 26-30, 2015

President and Foreign Minister, Guinea
Oct 26-30, 2015
President and Foreign Minister, Mali
Oct 26-30, 2015
President and Foreign Minister, Niger
Oct 26-30, 2015
President and Foreign Minister, Mauritania
Oct 26-30, 2015

President and Foreign Minister, Senegal
Oct 26-30, 2015
Vice-President and Foreign Minister, Gambia
Oct 26-30, 2015
Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Cape Verde
Oct 26-30, 2015
President of Guinea Bissau
Oct 26-30, 2015
President of Zimbabwe
26-29 October 2015
To participate in 3rd India Africa Forum Summit
His Majesty King of Swaziland, 26-29 October 2015
President of the Republic of South Africa
26-29 October 2015
President, Republic of Uganda
26-29 October 2015
President, Union of the Comoros
26-29 October 2015
President, Republic of Kenya
26-29 October 2015
President, Republic of Madagascar
26-29 October 2015
President, Republic of Namibia
26-29 October 2015
Vice President, Republic of Botswana
26-29 October 2015
Vice President, Tanzania
26-29 October 2015
Vice President, Republic of Burundi
26-29 October 2015
Vice President, Republic of Zambia

26-29 October 2015

Prime Minister, Ethiopia

26-29 October 2015

Prime Minister, Kingdom of Lesotho

26-29 October 2015

Prime Minister, Mauritius

Prime Minister, Mozambique

26-29 October 2015

Prime Minister, Rwanda

26-29 October 2015

Foreign Minister, Eritrea

26-29 October 2015

Foreign Minister, Malawi

26-29 October 2015

Foreign Minister, Seychelles

26-29 October 2015

Prime Minister of Mauritius, 28 October- 1 November 2015 To attend India Africa Foreign Summit

Prime Minister of Bhutan

13-17 November, 2015 To attend the 2nd India Ideas Conclave 2015 in Goa.

French Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Development

20 November, 2015 For preparation to CoP-21 to be held in Paris from 29 November-11 December, 2015. He called on PM and met Smt. Sushma Swaraj, EAM, Mr. Prakash Javadekar, Minister of State for Environment, Forests and Climate Change. He also held meetings with Mr. Suresh Prabhu, Minister for Railways and Mr. Piyush Goyal, MoS (I/C) for Coal, Power, New and Renewable Energy. The discussions were primarily centred on COP 21, energy efficiency, technology transfer, financing, etc.

Foreign Minister of Maldives, 21-22 November, 2015 To brief EAM on developments in Maldives.