

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:965
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VISIT OF SAARC LEADERS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether leaders of different SAARC countries had visited India in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the discussions held with them;
- (c) whether any decisions have been taken during such discussions; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes.

(b) to (d) President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan, Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury of Bangladesh Parliament, Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay of Bhutan, President Abdulla Yameen of Maldives, Prime Minister Sushil Koirala of Nepal, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan and President Mahinda Rajapaksa of Sri Lanka visited India on the occasion of swearing-in ceremony of the new Government on May 26, 2014.

During the visit, the SAARC leaders called on the Hon'ble Rashtrapatiji. They also paid individual courtesy calls on the Prime Minister and discussed bilateral and regional issues.