

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.993
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2021

VISIT BY FOREIGN DIGNITARIES

993. **SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:**
SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:
SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR ALIAS VIJAY VASANTH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of countries visited by the Prime Minister and External Affairs Minister during the last four months as also the visits of foreign dignitaries to India during that period;
- (b) the details of Memorandum of Understandings, bilateral agreements entered into with each of these countries; and
- (c) the prospects to strengthen bilateral relations between India and each of these countries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SHRI V MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) & (b) Information is placed at Annexure I & II.

(c) High level visits are an important means by which nations serve their national interests and implement their foreign policy objectives. Visits by dignitaries enable enhanced understanding of India's perspectives on regional and global issues among foreign partners at the highest level. These visits and the understandings/agreements reached therein enable India to strengthen relations with partner countries across a wide range of sectors including trade & investment, technology and defence collaboration. Such outcomes also contribute to India's national development agenda to promote economic growth and well being of our people. At the multilateral level, India is increasingly contributing to shaping the global agenda on an array of cross-cutting issues such as climate change, trans-national crime & terrorism, cyber security & nuclear non-proliferation, while also offering the world India's own unique solutions to global partners for addressing global issues, like the International Solar Alliance and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure.

ANNEXURE I**VISITS BY PRIME MINISTER**
22 July -22 November 2021

S. No.	Countries visited	Period of visit	Details of MoUs, bilateral agreements signed
1	USA	22-25 Sept 2021	NIL
2	Holy See, Italy, UK	29 Oct - 02 Nov 2021	NIL

VISITS BY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER
22 July -22 November 2021

S. No.	Countries visited	Period of visit	Details of MoUs, bilateral agreements signed
1	Iran	05-06 Aug 2021	NIL
2	USA	16-21 Aug 2021	NIL
3	Slovenia, Croatia and Denmark	02-06 Sept 2021	Slovenia: A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the New (Nova) University, Ljubljana and Centre for Eastern & North-Eastern Regional Studies—Kolkata (CENERS-K), India. Denmark: A MOU on Cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine was exchanged during the visit.
4	Tajikistan	16-17 Sept 2021	NIL
5	USA, Mexico	20 September - 2 October 2021	NIL
6	Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Armenia	10-13 Oct 2021	NIL
7	Israel	17-21 Oct 2021	NIL
8	Italy, UK	29 Oct - 03 Nov 2021	NIL
9	UAE	13-14 Nov 2021	NIL
10	Singapore	16-20 Nov 2021	NIL

ANNEXURE II**VISITS BY FOREIGN DIGNITARIES**
(22 July - 22 November 2021)

S. No.	Dignitary/Country	Period of visit	MoUs/Agreements signed during the visit
1	Hon'ble Mr. Antony J. Blinken, Secretary of State of USA	27 - 28 July 2021	NIL
2	Mr Hasan Mahmud, Information Minister of Bangladesh	06-07 September 2021	NIL
3	Mr. Dan Jorgensen, Danish Minister for Climate, Energy and Utilities	6-10 September 2021	NIL
4	Senator The Hon Marise Payne, Minister for Foreign Affairs & Minister for Women Australia and The Hon Peter Dutton MP, Defence Minister, Australia (2+2 dialogue)	10-12 September 2021	NIL
5	H.H. Prince Faisal bin Farhad Al Saud, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	18-20 September 2021	NIL
6	H.E. Mr. Nikola Selakovic, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia	19-20 September 2021	1. Agreement on Gainful Employment for Dependents of Members of Diplomatic Missions and Consular Posts was signed during the visit
7	H.E. Ms. Marta Lucia Ramirez de Rincon, Vice President and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia and Mr. Fernando Luiz Gomez , Minister of Health of Colombia	01-04 October 2021 27 Sept - 3 October 2021	1. Letter of Intent between Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Department of Health Research (DHR), New Delhi, India and the Ministry of Health & Social Protection, Bogota, Colombia and the Ministry of Science, Technology & Innovation, Bogota, Colombia for collaboration in various areas of health and biomedical research. 2. Letter of Intent for cooperation in the field of Biotechnology between Department of Biotechnology (DBT) of Ministry of Science and Technology (GOI) and The Ministry of Health & Social Protection of Colombia / The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of Colombia.

8	Hon Dan Tehan MP, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment of Australia	30 September - 02 October 2021	NIL
9	H.E. Ms. Mette Frederksen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Denmark	09-12 October 2021	1. Traditional Knowledge Digital Library Access Agreement between Council of Scientific & Industrial Research and Danish Patent and Trademark Office. 2. Joint Letter of Intent between Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of the Republic of India and The Government of Denmark. 3. MoU between Council of Scientific & Industrial Research- National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad (India), Aarhus University, Denmark and Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland on mapping of ground water resources and aquifers. 4. MoU between Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru and Danfoss Industries Private Limited to establish a Centre of Excellence towards natural refrigerants for tropical climates with potential applications.
10	Hon. Namal Rajapaksa, Minister of Youth and Sports, Minister of Development Co-ordination and Monitoring and State Minister of Digital Technology and Enterprise Development of Sri Lanka,	20-21 October 2021	NIL
11	Rt Hon. Elizabeth Truss MP, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs of United Kingdom	22-24 October 2021	NIL
12	Mr. Prem Bahadur Ale, Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Govt. of Nepal	12 November 2021	NIL
