

neighbourhood, have been produced by this Division and whether this Division is appropriately manned; and

(d) its interface, if any, with area specialists in international relations outside the Ministry of External Affairs?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ):

(a) and (b) There is a Policy Planning and Research Division in the Ministry. Its mandate includes:

- (i) Publication of the Annual Report of the Ministry; preparation of Monthly Summary of important developments for the Cabinet.
- (ii) Supervision of functioning of MEA Boundary Cell, MEA Situation Room and MEA Library.
- (iii) Undertaking studies on general foreign policy issues through academic institutions; supporting the academia, think tanks, research organizations and institutes in India engaged in research and discussion on external relations and supporting them to organize Seminars, Conferences and Studies to deliberate on various facets of India's External Relations.

(c) and (d) The Division supports the Indian Council of World Affairs, which is its primary interface with specialists in international relations outside the Ministry of External Affairs. The Division also supports other institutions. Several research papers, including on our neighbourhood, have been produced through these collaborations.

The Policy Planning and Research Division is appropriately manned.

#### **Countries visited by the Prime Minister**

2878. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of countries where the Prime Minister visited this year; and
- (b) the details of the agreements signed between India and those countries, where Prime Minister visited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [(GENERAL (RETD.) V.K. SINGH)] : (a) and (b) Details as requested are given in Statement (*See below*).

**Statement**

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Sl. No.	Name of the country visited and dates	Details of agreement/s signed
1.	BIMSTEC Summit Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar 4.3.2014	(i) Memorandum of Association (MoA) on the establishment of the BIMSTEC Permanent Secretariat. (ii) MoU on the establishment of BIMSTEC Cultural Industries Commission and BIMSTEC Cultural Industries Observatory. (iii) MoA on the establishment of BIMSTEC Centre for Weather and Climate.
2.	Bhutan, 15-16 June, .2014	
3.	Brazil 13-18 July, 2014	(i) Implementing Arrangement Establishing Cooperation in Augmentation of a Brazilian Earth Station for Receiving and Processing Data from Indian Remote Sensing (IRS) Satellites. (ii) MoU on the Establishment of a Consultation Mechanism on Consular and Mobility Issues. (iii) MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Environment.
4.	BRICS Summit Fortaleza and Brasilia, Brazil, 15-16 July, 2014	(i) Agreement on the New Development Bank. (ii) Treaty for the establishment of a BRICS Contingent Reserve Arrangement.
5.	Nepal 3-4 August, 2014	(i) Exchange of Letters regarding Terms of Reference of Pancheshwar Development Authority. (ii) MoU on Cooperation in Goitre Control. (iii) MoU on Cooperation between Doordarshan and Nepal Television.

6. Japan 30.08.2014 - 03.09.2014

- (i) Memorandum on Defence Co-operation and Exchanges between Ministry of Defence of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Defence of Japan.
- (ii) Memorandum of Cooperation 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.
- (iii) Memorandum of Cooperation 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.
- (iv) Framework of Cooperation 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.
- (v) Memorandum of Understanding between Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India and Japan Bank of International Cooperation; and
- (vi) Confirmation of the intention regarding the Partner City Affiliation between City of Varanasi (Republic of India) and City of Kyoto (Japan).

7. UNGA, New York, 25-30 September, 2014

8. United States 25-30 September, 2014

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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.

Three Agreements were signed after Prime Minister's visit to the US in follow-up to the provisions in the Joint Statement of 30 September, 2014.

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Sl. No.	Name of the country visited and dates	Details of agreement/s signed
		(i) MoU between US Department of Commerce and Ministry of Finance of India on the US - India Infrastructure Collaboration Platform - signed on 17 November, 2014 in New Delhi. (ii) MoU between Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. and Export-Import Bank of the United States with respect to Cooperation on Clean Energy Projects - signed on 18 November, 2014 in New Delhi. (iii) India-US Statement of Guiding Principles on Triangular Cooperation for Global Development- signed on 3 November, 2014 in New Delhi
9.	ASEAN-India Summit Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar 12.11.2014	—
10.	East Asia Summit Nai Pyi Taw, Myanmar 13.11.2014	Four joint statements were signed: EAS Statement on Rapid Disaster Response; EAS Statement on Outbreak of Ebola; EAS Statement on Terrorism in Syria and Iraq; and EAS Statement on Combating Wildlife Trafficking
11.	Australia 14-18 November, 2014	(i) Agreement on Social Security. (ii) Agreement on Transfer of Sentenced Persons. (iii) MoU on Combating Narcotics Trafficking and Developing Police Cooperation. (iv) MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Arts and Culture. (v) MoU in the Field of Tourism.
12.	G-20 Summit Australia, 14-18 November, 2014	—
13.	Fiji 19.11.2014	(i) MoU for earmarking of land for construction of Chanceries in respective capitals.

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| 14. | Nepal 25-27 November, 2014                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) MoU for extending a Line of Credit of US \$ 70 million through the EXIM Bank of India for establishing a Co-generation Plant at Rarawai Sugar Mill in Fiji.</li> <li>(iii) Agreement on exchange of information on structure and content of training programmes for diplomats and identification of experts in mutually agreed areas.</li> <li>(i) MoU on establishment of National Police Academy at Panauti.</li> <li>(ii) Motor Vehicles Agreement for the “Regulation of Passenger Traffic”.</li> <li>(iii) MoU on Cooperation in Tourism.</li> <li>(iv) Agreement on USD 1 Billion Line of Credit to Government of Nepal.</li> <li>(v) MoU on Cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine.</li> <li>(vi) MoU on Cooperation on Youth Affairs.</li> <li>(vii) Project Development Agreement for 900 MW Arun-III Hydropower Project.</li> <li>(viii) Twin City Arrangement between Ayodhya-Janakpur.</li> <li>(ix) Twin City Arrangement between Kathmandu-Varanasi.</li> <li>(x) Twin City Arrangement between Lumbini-Bodh Gaya.</li> </ul> <p>SAARC Framework Agreement on Energy Cooperation (Electricity).</p> |
| 15. | SAARC Summit Kathmandu,<br>Nepal 25-27 November, 2014 |  |

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