

49. Supporting a health insurance scheme for forest guards in Kaziranga Tiger Reserve.
50. Fostering a voluntary group “Friends for Rhino” for eliciting public support for rhino conservation with active local participation around Kaziranga Tiger Reserve.
51. Ascertaining progress of CBI investigation in rhino poaching cases handed over by the State of Assam.
52. Real Time Monitoring of funds released to Kaziranga Tiger Reserve from the Centre.
53. Initiative taken for collaboration with National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA) towards evolving an alert system in tiger reserves prone to natural disasters.
54. A joint report with Nepal has been brought out on the assessment of tiger status in the terai arc landscape.
55. Initiative taken for collaboration of National Tiger Conservation Authority and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau towards an online tiger/wildlife crime tracking/reporting system in tiger reserves.

Prime Minister’s visit to France, Germany and Canada

*134. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Hon’ble Prime Minister’s recent visit to France, Germany and Canada; and

(b) the details of Bilateral discussions took place and the incentives to be offered to foreign investors as a part of Make in India programme to attract investment in India?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ):

(a) **France**—Prime Minister visited France from 9-12 April 2015 during his first official visit to Europe. During the visit, he met President Hollande and senior Ministers of the French Government. Other important components of his programme included his interactions with the business community, address at the UNESCO, homage at the World War I Indian Memorial at Nueve Chapelle, visit to the Toulouse Space Centre and an address to the Indian Community.

The visit successfully reinforced one of India’s most long-standing and trusted strategic partnerships in Europe. Landmark agreements were concluded in defence, nuclear and space cooperation as well as 13 other agreements in several priority

areas for India's development. Several important announcements were also made with reference to collaboration in sustainable development, smart cities, high speed rail links, renewable energy, student internship programmes and 'Visa on Arrival' for France.

Germany—Prime Minister paid an official visit to Germany from 12 to 14 April 2015 at the invitation of Chancellor Angela Merkel for the inauguration of the Hannover Messe Trade Fair 2015, at which India was the Partner Country. During the visit, Prime Minister held discussions with the Chancellor on bilateral cooperation as well as regional and global issues. PM met CEOs of major German companies interested in investing in India. He also visited the Siemens Training Academy and the Main Berlin Railway Station. Prime Minister unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Hannover and addressed the Indian Community in Berlin.

Canada—Prime Minister visited Canada from 14-16 April 2015 and held talks with his counterpart Stephen Harper. He called-on the Governor General of Canada, David Johnston, and received the Premiers of Ontario and British Columbia, as also leader of the Liberal Party Justin Trudeau.

In their meeting, PM and Prime Minister Harper held detailed discussions on the full spectrum of bilateral relations and exchanged perspectives on a range of regional and international issues of mutual interest. The sectors discussed were economy, trade and investment, civil nuclear cooperation, energy, education and skill development, agriculture, defence and security, science, technology, innovation and space, culture and people-to-people ties. Prime Minister also interacted with CEOs of major Canadian pension funds and other companies interested in investing in India.

(b) **France**—Prime Minister and President Hollande held productive discussions on a wide range of issues of bilateral, regional and global interest. They decided to scale up bilateral cooperation in the area of counter-terrorism. President Hollande also expressed his indignation at the release of Mumbai attack accused Zakiur Rehman Lakhvi. He thanked Prime Minister for the rescue of the French citizens from Yemen and reiterated France's support to India's permanent membership of the U.N. Security Council.

Prime Minister and President Hollande received a report from the India-France CEO Forum with a recommendation to set up five task forces in the areas of energy, water and waste, life sciences, defence and aerospace and infrastructure financing to address issues and deepen business ties. Prime Minister also interacted with CEOs of top 30 French infrastructure and defence companies. He invited them to make use of the many new opportunities available for foreign investors through 'Make in India' and other flagship initiatives.

Germany—Building on Germany's role as India's leading trade, technology and investment partner in Europe, Prime Minister and Chancellor Merkel drew up a clear roadmap to strengthen the Indo-German Strategic Partnership by making Germany a key partner in India's development initiatives. To this end, they agreed to take specific steps before the next Summit meeting in October to advance collaboration in identified sectors like manufacturing, urban and smart city development, Clean Ganga Mission, railways, renewable energy, urban waste and water management, skills development, education, environment, language and Science and Technology.

India's robust participation and projection at the Hannover Messe successfully showcased the tremendous opportunities presented by India's 'Make in India' and other economic initiatives and placed India firmly on the radar of German and European industry. In his interactions with German industry leaders, the Prime Minister emphasized that the Government is committed to improve the 'ease of doing business' in India and highlighted the reforms that are being implemented to improve the regulatory environment in the country. Prime Minister also announced a separate Investor Facilitation Cell/Desk for German investors.

Canada—During the visit, the two Prime Ministers also decided to elevate bilateral ties to a strategic partnership. Signing of an agreement on procurement of Uranium from Canada, MoUs on cooperation in the field of outer space, railway transportation and 13 MoUs on skill development (fields of agriculture, apparel and textiles, automotive, aviation, construction, green economy, healthcare, hydrocarbons, IT, telecom and electronics, sports sector, and water) also constituted key outcomes from the visit.

Cases of Child Trafficking

†*135. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the child trafficking has increased in comparison to that in the past;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to check it; and
- (c) the number of cases of child trafficking which have come to the notice during the last two years and the number of cases out of them which have been disposed of and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI): (a) National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) is collecting data on human trafficking, *inter-alia*, child trafficking. A total of 1002 cases,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.