

Expenditure on foreign trips of Prime Minister

173. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure on trips to foreign countries by the Prime Minister since taking office in 2014, trip-wise; and

(b) the expenditure on foreign trips and the number of countries visited by each Prime Minister during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [(GENERAL (RETD.) V.K. SINGH)]: (a) and (b) Government of India's missions abroad debit expenditure incurred on visits of Prime Minister to relevant agencies involved with the visits. There are large number of heads under which expenditure is debited by various agencies. The information collation is time consuming and is being collated.

Indian lodged in jails of Pakistan

174. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians currently lodged in jails of Pakistan and since when, the details thereof for less than five years, more than five years but less than ten years, more than ten years but less than fifteen years, and more than fifteen years;

(b) whether our Consulates in Pakistan have all relevant details of all the Indian prisoners and whether they extend all legal/financial support to such prisoners, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of Indian fishermen detained/in jails in Pakistan, as of now, and the efforts made to secure their release?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (RETD.) V.K. SINGH]: (a) to (c) According to available information, 392 Indian fishermen and 53 Indian civil prisoners are lodged in the custody of Pakistan.

The number of such Indian fishermen and civil prisoners, whose nationality is confirmed, is as follows:

Indians lodged in Pakistani Jails	Fishermen	Civil Prisoners	Total
1	2	3	4
Less than 5 years	174	6	180
More than 5 years but less than 10 years	-	3	3