

- (c) the steps taken by Government for their safe deportation to the country;
- (d) whether Government had asked the Indian embassies in USA to provide them the consular assistance; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (RETD.) V. K. SINGH]: (a) to (e) The U.S. Government does not release a comprehensive list, by nationality, of aliens detained for entering or staying in the U.S. without valid documents.

From time to time, detentions of alleged Indian nationals for violation of U.S. immigration laws are reported. Recently, two cases of detention of large groups of Indian nationals have come to our notice from Sheridan, Oregon and Otero County, New Mexico.

In such cases, our Embassy and Consulates in the U.S. take up the matter with appropriate authorities and render all possible assistance to the detained Indian nationals, including by visits to detention centres.

From time to time, our Embassy and Consulates also facilitate repatriation of undocumented Indian immigrants after their nationality verification.

The Government is closely engaged with the U.S. Government on all issues relating to safety and welfare of Indian Diaspora in the U.S.

#### **Foreign visits of Prime Minister since 2014**

179. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister has spent ₹ 355 crore on his foreign visits since 2014, as per an RTI information;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, visit-wise; and
- (c) the details of achievements and outcome of foreign visits by the Prime Minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (RETD.) V. K. SINGH]: (a) and (b) The details of expenditure incurred by PMO

on chartered flights, hotline facility and PM's Aircraft Maintenance in respect of foreign visits of PM from May 26, 2014 onwards are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) The objective of PM's visits abroad has been to enhance mutual understanding and to strengthen our relations with these countries across a wide range of sectors including trade, investment, technology, development partnership and to enhance people-to-people ties. Diplomatic outreach during this period has included first-ever visits from India to several countries at the Head of Government level. This outreach has *inter alia* led to enhanced engagement of our foreign partners in Government's flagship programmes of national development.

**Statement**

*Expenditure on PM's foreign visits from May 26, 2014 onwards*

Financial Year	Place of Visit	Period	PM's Aircraft Maintenance (₹)	Chartered Flights (₹)	Hotline (₹)
1	2	3	4	5	6
2014-15	Bhutan	15-16 June, 2014		2,45,27,465	9,09,474
	Brazil	13-17 July, 2014		20,35,48,000	63,22,159
	Nepal	3-5 Aug, 2014		IAF BBJ Aircraft	8,79,462
	Japan	30 Aug - 3 Sep, 2014		13,47,58,000	9,82,438
	USA	25 Sep -1 Oct, 2014	220.38 crore	19,04,60,000	60,11,733
	Myanmar, Australia & Fiji	11-20 Nov, 2014		22,58,65,000	97,89,006
	Nepal	25-27 Nov, 2014		IAF BBJ Aircraft	12,94,467
	Seychelles, Mauritius & Sri Lanka	10-14 March, 2015		15,85,25,000	43,20,437
	Singapore	28-29 March, 2015		IAF BBJ Aircraft	Services of M/s TCL not availed
TOTAL			220.38 crore	93,76,83,465	3,05,09,176

1	2	3	4	5	6
2015-16	France, Germany & Canada	9-17 April, 2015		31,25,78,000	92,72,183
	China, Mongolia & South Korea	14-19 May, 2015		15,15,43,000	63,51,255
	Bangladesh	6-7 June, 2015		IAF BBJ Aircraft	9,89,877
	Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Russia, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan & Tajikistan	6-14 July, 2015		15,78,39,000	76,10,674
	United Arab Emirates	16-17 Aug, 2015	220.48 crore	5,90,66,000	21,13,062
	Ireland and USA	23-29 Sept, 2015		18,46,95,000	43,59,542
	UK and Turkey	12-16 Nov, 2015		9,30,93,000	27,78,610
	Malaysia and Singapore	20-24 Nov, 2015		7,04,93,000 »	37,18,369
	France	29-30 Nov, 2015		6,82,81,000	8,19,727
	Russia, Afghanistan & Pakistan	23-25 Dec, 2015		8,14,00,000	15,26,808
	TOTAL	220.48 crore		1,17,89,88,000	3,96,40,107
2016-17	Belgium, USA & Saudi Arabia	29 Mar-3 Apr, 2016		15,85,02,000	39,68,890
	Iran	22-23 May, 2016		IAF BBJ Aircraft	13,95,892
	Afghanistan, Qatar, Switzerland, USA & Mexico	4-10 June, 2016		13,91,66,000	49,69,962
	Uzbekistan	23-24 June, 2016	234.35 crore	6,32,78,000	11,37,783
	Mozambique, South Africa, Tanzania & Kenya	7-11 July, 2016		12,80,94,000	58,31,206

1	2	3	4	5	6
	Vietnam & China	2-5 Sept, 2016		9,53,91,000	30,35,608
	Laos	7-8 Sept, 2016		4,77,51,000	8,12,795
	Japan	10-12 Nov, 2016		13,05,86,000	Bill Not recd
	TOTAL	234.35 crore		76,27,68,000	2,11,52/136
2017-18	Sri Lanka	11-12 May, 2017		5,24,04,000	
	Germany, Spain, Russia & France	29 May-3 June, 2017		16,51,95,000	
	Kazakhstan	8-9 June, 2017		5,65,08,000	
	Portugal, USA & Netherlands	24-27 June, 2017		13,82,81,000	
	Israel & Germany	4-8 July, 2017	193.34 crore	11,28,48,000	
	China & Myanmar	3-7 Sept, 2017	13,87,80,000		
	Philippines	12-14 Nov, 2017	10,11,68,000		Bill Not recd
	Switzerland	22-23 Jan, 2018	13,20,83,000		
	Jordan, Palestine, UAE & Oman	9-12 Feb, 2018	9,59,64,000*		
	TOTAL	193.34 crore	99,32,31,000		
2018-19	Sweden, UK & Germany	16-20 April, 2018			
	China	26-28 April, 2018			
	Nepal	11-12 May, 2018	220.42 crore***	Bill Not recd	Bill Not recd
	Russia	21-22 May, 2018			
	Indonesia, Malaysia & Singapore	29 May-2 June, 2018			
	China	9-10 June, 2018			
	TOTAL	220.42 crore			

\* This chartered flight bill has not been paid

\*\*\* Partial payment to the tune of ₹ 205.01 crore has been made.