

Persons accompanying Prime Minister to foreign countries

1444. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the details of non-Government persons who accompany the Prime Minister on official visits to foreign countries and are not connected with security issues could be made public;

(b) if so, the names of persons and respective organizations/companies accompanying the Prime Minister on every foreign trip conducted since, May 2014, year-wise specifying the country visited;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the selection criteria and process followed for choosing these specific persons to accompany the Prime Minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (GENERAL RETD. V. K. SINGH): (a) to (d) Prime Minister's delegation on foreign visits consists of representatives from the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of External Affairs, other Ministries, security agencies, media agencies and interpreters. Out of these categories, some interpreters engaged for various languages are non-governmental, based on functional requirements. Details of foreign visits in which non-governmental interpreters have accompanied the Prime Minister are given in the Statement-I (*See below*). Media personnel accompanying the Prime Minister are also included on functional grounds. Details of all media persons accompanying the Prime Minister are given in the Statement-II.

Statement-I

List of visits where private interpreters accompanied Prime Minister to foreign countries

Sl.No.	Visit	Dates	Interpreters
2014			
1.	Visit of PM to Japan	Aug. 30 - Sept. 03 2014	Ms. Ruchi Naithani
2.	Visit of PM to Myanmar, Australia and Fiji	11-20 November, 2014	Shri Satyanshu Srivastava
2015			
1.	Visit of PM to France, Germany and Canada	9-17 April, 2015	Anya Malhotra Ms. Vandana Kawlra

Sl.No.	Visit	Dates	Interpreters
2.	Visit of PM to United Arab Emirates	16-17 August, 2015	Dr. Shimla
3.	Visit of PM to Republic of Ireland and United States of America	23-29 September, 2015	Dr. Shimla Ms. Anya Malhotra
4.	Visit of PM to United Kingdom and Turkey	12-16 November, 2015	Ms. Vandana Kawlra Ms. Sureeta Narula
5.	Visit of PM to Malaysia and Republic of Singapore	20-24 November 2015	Ms. Vandana Kawlra Ms. Sureeta Narula
6.	Visit of PM to Republic of France	29 November– 01 December 2015	Ms. Vandana Kawlra Ms. Sureeta Narula
7.	Visit of PM to Russia	23-24 December, 2015	Dr. Charanjit Singh
2016			
1.	Visit of PM to Belgium, USA and Saudi Arabia	30 March-3 April, 2016	Ms. Vandana Kawlra Ms. Sureeta Narula
2.	Visit of PM to Qatar, Switzerland, USA and Mexico	4-9 June, 2016	Ms. Vandana Kawlra Ms. Anya Malhotra
3.	Visit of PM to Uzbekistan	23-24 June, 2016	Ms. Vandana Kawlra Ms. Anya Malhotra
4.	Visit of PM to Vietnam and China	2-5 September, 2016	Ms. Vandana Kawlra Ms. Sureeta Narula
5.	Visit of PM to Lao PDR	7-8 September, 2016	Ms. Vandana Kawlra Ms. Sureeta Narula
6.	Visit of PM to Thailand and Japan	10-12 November, 2016	Ms. Ruchi Naithani
2017			
1.	Visit of PM to Sri Lanka	11-12 May, 2017	Ms. Malini Gupta
2.	Visit of PM to Germany, Spain, Russia, France	29 May-3 June, 2017	Ms. Ruchi Naithani Ms. Anya Malhotra
3.	Visit of PM to Kazakhstan	8-9 June, 2017	Ms. Sureeta Narula Ms. Ruchi Naithani
4.	Visit of PM to Portugal, USA and Netherlands	24-28 June, 2017	Ms. Vandana Kawlra Ms. Malini Gupta

Sl.No.	Visit	Dates	Interpreters
5.	Visit of PM to Israel and Germany	4-8 July, 2017	Ms Malini Gupta Ms Ruchi Naithani
6.	Visit of PM to China and Myanmar	3-7 Sept, 2017	Ms Malini Gupta Ms Ruchi Naithani
7.	Visit of PM to Philippines	12-14 November, 2017	Ms Malini Gupta Ms Sureeta Narula
2018			
1.	Visit of PM to Davos	22-23 January, 2018	Ms Malini Gupta Ms Ruchi Naithani
2.	Visit of PM to Palestine, UAE and Oman	09-12 February, 2018	Ms. Vandana Kawlra Ms Sureeta Narula

Statement-II

Details of all media persons accompanying the Prime Minister

List of media accompanying Prime Minister to Bhutan

1. Shri Ajay Kumar Kaul, Chief of Bureau, PTI
2. Shri Sunil Kumar Shukla, Assistant Director/Senior Correspondent, AIR
3. Shri Manjit Thakur, Senior Correspondent, Doordarshan
4. Shri Mohammed Nafeesur Rehan Fazil, Cameraman, Doordarshan
5. Shri Radhey Shyam, Chief Cameraman, Films Division
7. Shri Brij Mohan Meena, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
8. Shri Ram Pratap, Cameraperson, ANI
9. Shri Atul Yadav, Photojournalist, PTI

List of Media accompanying Prime Minister to Brazil

1. Shri Merajuddin Khan, Correspondent, AIR
2. Shri Sudhir Kumar, Senior Correspondent, Doordarshan
3. Shri Anil Khanna, Cameraman, Doordarshan
4. Shri Mukundan Asokan, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
5. Shri Chandrasekar Vanakambadi Sundararaman, Executive Editor, PTI
6. Shri Subhav Shukla, Photographer, PTI
7. Ms. Naz Asghar, Special Correspondent, UNI
8. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI.

**List of Media persons accompanying Prime Minister to Nepal
(August 3-4, 2014)**

1. Shri Ajay Kumar Kaul, Chief of Bureau, PTI
2. Shri Ashok Upadhyay, Deputy Bureau Chief, UN
3. Shri Merajuddin Khan, Correspondent, AIR
4. Shri Sudhakar Das, Correspondent, Doordarshan
5. Shri I.P.S. Ahluwalia, Cameraman, Doordarshan
6. Shri Shivraj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
7. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI
8. Shri Vijay Verma, Principal Photo Journalist, PTI

**List of Media persons accompanying Prime Minister to Japan
(August 30 – September 03, 2014)**

1. Shri Manas Pratim Sarma, News Editor, AIR
2. Shri Manjit Thakur, Correspondent, DD
3. Ms. Rajagopala Jayashree Puri, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Shri Brij Mohan Meena, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
5. Shri Ajay Kumar Kaul, Chief of Bureau, PTI
6. Shri Atul Yadav, Photojournalist, PTI
7. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI
8. Shri Jai Prakash Awasthi, Bureau Chief, UNI

**List of Media persons accompanying Prime Minister to USA
(September 26-30, 2014)**

1. Ms. Pushpinder Kaur, Joint Director, AIR
2. Shri Sudhakar Das, Sr. Correspondent, Doordarshan
3. Shri Soban Singh, Cameraperson, Doordarshan
4. Shri Mukundan Asokan, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
5. Shri Shivraj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Ms. Priyanka Tikoo, Associate Editor & Joint Chief of Bureau, PTI
7. Shri Vijay Verma, Principal Photo Journalist, PTI
8. Shri Ashok Tuteja, Editor, UNI
9. Shri Sarwan Kumar Chaudhary, Cameraman, ANI

**List of Media persons accompanying Prime Minister to Myanmar
(November 11-13, 2014) November 21, 2014**

1. Shri Sant Bahadur, Correspondent, AIR
2. Shri Ravi Dhiman, Senior Correspondent, DD
3. Shri Anil Khanna, Cameraman, DD
4. Shri G. Sudhakar, Nair Editor, PTI
5. Shri Kamal Singh, Cameraman, PTI
6. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Cameraman, ANI
7. Shri M. Asokan, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
8. Shri Shivraj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
9. Shri Mukesh Kaushik, Special Correspondent, UNI

**List of Media persons accompanying Prime Minister to Australia
(November 14-18, 2014) November 21, 2014**

1. Shri Sant Bahadur, Correspondent, AIR
2. Shri Ravi Dhiman, Senior Correspondent, DD
3. Shri Anil Khanna, Cameraman, DD
4. Shri G. Sudhakar, Nair Editor, PTI
5. Shri Kamal Singh, Cameraman, PTI
6. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Cameraman, ANI
7. Shri M. Asokan, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
8. Shri Shivraj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
9. Shri Mukesh Kaushik, Special Correspondent, UNI

**List of Media persons accompanying Prime Minister to Fiji
(November 19, 2014) November 21, 2014**

1. Shri Sant Bahadur, Correspondent, AIR
2. Shri Ravi Dhiman, Senior Correspondent, DD
3. Shri Anil Khanna, Cameraman, DD
4. Shri G. Sudhakar, Nair Editor, PTI
5. Shri Kamal Singh, Cameraman, PTI
6. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Cameraman, ANI
7. Shri M. Asokan, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
8. Shri Shivraj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division

9. Shri Mukesh Kaushik, Special Correspondent, UNI

**List of media delegates accompanied Prime Minister to Nepal
(November 25-27, 2014)**

1. Ms. Priyanka Tikoo, Editor and Bureau Chief, PTI
2. Shri Asish Maitra, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
3. Shri Indupal Singh Ahluwalia, Camera Person, DD News
4. Shri Krishna Kant Uniyal, Special Correspondent, UNI
5. Shri Manjit Thakur, Correspondent, DD News
6. Shri Rajesh Chander Bali, Correspondent, AIR
7. Shri Ram Pratap, Cameraman, ANI
8. Shri Shivraj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
9. Shri Subhav Shukla, Senior Photo Journalist, PTI

**List of media delegates accompanied prime minister to mauritius,
(March 10-14, 2015)**

1. Shri Sunil Kumar Shukla, Assistant Director, AIR
2. Shri Sudhir Kumar, Senior Correspondent, DD
3. Ms. Rajagopala Jayashree Puri, Cameraperson, DD
4. Shri Sanjay Saini, Senior Technician, DD
5. Shri Mukundan Asokan, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Shri Brij Mohan Meena, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
7. Shri Gangadhar Sudhakar Nair, Deputy Executive Editor, PTI
8. Shri Kamal Kishore Kamboj, Sr. Photojournalist, PTI
9. Ms. Smita Prakash, Editor (News), ANI
10. Shri Raj Kumar Atal, Senior Video Journalist, ANI
11. Ms. Naz Asghar, Special Correspondent, UNI

**List of media delegates accompanied Prime Minister to France,
Germany and Canada**

1. Shri Rabindra Nath Mishra, Additional Director General, AIR
2. Shri Sudhakar Das, Senior Correspondent, Doordarshan
3. Shri Soban Singh, Cameraperson, Doordarshan
4. Shri Sanjay Saini, Senior Technician, Doordarshan

5. Shri Mukundan Asokan, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Shri Shivraj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
7. Shri Ajay Kumar Kaul, Editor, PTI
8. Shri Subhash Chander Malhotra, Senior Photo Editor, PTI
9. Shri Ashok Upadhyay, Deputy Chief of Bureau, UNI
10. Shrimati Smita Prakash, Editor, UNI
11. Shri Ram Pratap, Cameraperson, ANI

List of Media delegates accompanied PM to China, Mongolia and Republic of Korea (May 13-19, 2015)

1. Shri Rajeev Kumar Jain, Director (News), AIR
2. Shri Arun Anand Sharma, Senior Correspondent, DD News
3. Shri Indu Pal Singh Ahluwalia, Senior Cameraperson, DD News
4. Shri Brij Mohan Meena, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
5. Shri Shivraj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Shri Venky Mohan Narayan, Editor, PTI
7. Shri Shahbaz Khan, Principal Photo Journalist, PTI
8. Shri Mukesh Kaushik, Special Correspondent, UNI
9. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI

List of Media delegates accompanied PM to China, Mongolia and Republic of Korea (May 13-19,2015)

1. Shri Rajeev Kumar Jain, Director (News), AIR
2. Shri Arun Anand Sharma, Senior Correspondent, DD News
3. Shri Indu Pal Singh Ahluwalia, Senior Cameraperson, DD News
4. Shri Brij Mohan Meena, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
5. Shri Shivraj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Shri Venky Mohan Narayan, Editor, PTI
7. Shri Shahbaz Khan, Principal Photo Journalist, PTI
8. Shri Mukesh Kaushik, Special Correspondent, UNI
9. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI

List of media delegates accompanied Prime Minister on his visit to Bangladesh

1. Shri Manas Pratim Sharma, News Editor, AIR

2. Shri Sudhakar Das, Senior Correspondent, DD News
3. Shri Anil Khanna, Cameraman, DD News
4. Shri Sanjay Saini, Sr. Technician, DD
5. Shri Brij Mohan Meena, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Shri M. Asokan, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
7. Shri Shirish Ganesh Shete, Chief Photographer, PTI
8. Shri Sarwan Kumar Choudhary, Cameraman ANI

List of Media delegates accompanying Prime Minister on his visit to Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Russia, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan (July 6-13, 2015)

1. Shri Yogesh Balwantray Pandya, Correspondent, AIR
2. Shri Sudhir Kumar, Senior Correspondent, DD News
3. Shri Soban Singh, Cameraman, DD News
4. Shri Sanjay Saini, Senior Technician, DD
5. Shri Shivraj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Shri Mukundan Asokan, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
7. Shri Manvender Vashist, Photojournalist, PTI
8. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI

List of Media delegates accompanying Prime Minister during his visit to UAE (Abu Dhabi and Dubai) August 16-17, 2015

1. Shri Sant Bahadur, Correspondent, AIR
2. Shri Arun Anand Sharma, Senior Correspondent, DD News
3. Ms. Rajagopala Jayashree Puri, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Shri Brij Mohan Meena, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
5. Shri Mukundan Asokan, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Shri Atul Yadav, Senior Photo Journalist, PTI
7. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma , Senior Cameraman, ANI

The list of media delegates who accompanied PM to Ireland visit is as follows:

1. Shri Rajeev Kumar Jain, Director (News), AIR
2. Shri Sudhakar Das, Senior Correspondent, DD News
3. Ms. Rajagopala Jayashree Puri, Cameraperson, DD

4. Shri Sanjay Saini, Senior Technician, DD
5. Shri Brij Mohan Meena, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Shri Mukundan Asokan, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
7. Shri Subhav Shukla, Senior Photo Journalist, PTI
8. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI

The list of media delegates who accompanied PM to USA visit is as follows:

1. Shri Rajeev Kumar Jain, Director (News), AIR
2. Shri Sudhakar Das, Senior Correspondent, DD News
3. Ms. Rajagopala Jayashree Puri, Cameraperson, DD
4. Shri Sanjay Saini, Senior Technician, DD
5. Shri Brij Mohan Meena, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Shri Mukundan Asokan, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
7. Shri Subhav Shukla, Senior Photo Journalist, PTI
8. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI

List of Media delegates accompanying Prime Minister during his visit to UK

1. Shri Sanjay Pratap Singh, Correspondent, AIR
2. Shri Sudhir Kumar, Senior Correspondent, DD
3. Shri S. Jaishanker, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Shri Sanjay Saini, Senior Technician, DD News
5. Shri Shivraj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Shri Mukundan Asokan, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
7. Shri Vijay Verma, Principal Photo Journalist, PTI
8. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman,

List of Media delegates accompanying Prime Minister during his visit to Turkey

1. Shri Sanjay Pratap Singh, Correspondent, AIR
2. Shri Sudhir Kumar, Senior Correspondent, DD
3. Shri S. Jaishanker, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Shri Sanjay Saini, Senior Technician, DD News
5. Shri Shivraj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Shri Mukundan Asokan, Photographic Officer, Photo Division

7. Shri Vijay Verma, Principal Photo Journalist, PTI
8. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman,

**List of Media Delegates accompanied During Visit of PM to Malaysia
(Nov 21-23, 2015)**

1. Shri Krishna Kumar Lal, Correspondent, AIR
2. Shri Arun Anand Sharma, Senior Correspondent, DD
3. Shri Praveen Johar, Cameraperson, DD
4. Shri Sanjay Saini, Senior Technician, DD News
5. Shri Shivraj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Shri Mukundan Asokan, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
7. Shri Kamal Singh Gosain, Cameraman, PTI
8. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI

**List of Media Delegates accompanied During Visit of PM to Singapore
(Nov 23-24, 2015)**

1. Shri Krishna Kumar Lal, Correspondent, AIR
2. Shri Arun Anand Sharma, Senior Correspondent, DD
3. Shri Praveen Johar, Cameraperson, DD
4. Shri Sanjay Saini, Senior Technician, DD News
5. Shri Shivraj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Shri Mukundan Asokan, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
7. Shri Kamal Singh Gosain, Cameraman, PTI
8. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI

**List of Media Delegates who accompanied during visit of PM to Paris,
France for UNFCCC (Nov 29-30, 2015)**

1. Shri Pankaj Pandey, Director (News), AIR
2. Shri Sudhakar Das, Senior Correspondent, DD
3. Ms. Rajagopala Jayashree Puri, Cameraperson, DD
4. Shri Sanjay Saini, Senior Technician, DD News
5. Shri Shivraj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Shri Mukundan Asokan, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
7. Shri Atul Yadav, Senior Photojournalist, PTI
8. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma , Senior Cameraman, ANI

PM's visit to Russia, Afghanistan and Pakistan (Dec. 23-25, 2015)

1. Shri Sant Bahadur, Correspondent, AIR
2. Shri Arun Anand Sharma, Senior Correspondent, DD News
3. Shri Anil Khanna, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Shri Sanjay Saini, Senior Technician, DD
5. Shri Shivraj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Shri Brij Mohan Meena, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
7. Shri Shahbaz Khan, Principal Photo Journalist, PTI
8. Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI

List of Media Delegation accompanying VVIP to Myanmar Official

1. Mr. Sant Bahadur, Correspondent, AIR
2. Ms. Ayesha Khanum, Chief Correspondent, DD
3. Mr. D. Thangaraj, Cameraman, DD
4. Mr. Sunil Rana, Cameraman, Films Division
5. Mr. Shivraj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division Agencies
6. Mr. Naveen Kapoor, Senior Correspondent, ANI
7. Mr. Raj Kumar Atal, Senior Video Journalist, ANI
8. Mr. Dinesh Thakur, Senior Cameraperson, NWS
9. Mr. Venky Mohan Narayan, Editor, PTI
10. Mr. Shirish Ganesh Shete, Chief Photographer, PTI
11. Mr. Rajesh Ahuja, Senior Correspondent, UNI
12. Mr. Arvind Padmanabhan, Executive Editor, IANS English
13. Mr. Jayanth Jacob, Senior Assistant Editor, Hindustan Times
14. Mr. Rakesh Sinha, Editor, Indian Express
15. Mr. Praveen Swami, Resident Editor, The Hindu
16. Ms. Radhika Mukerji, Political Editor, Telegraph
17. Mr. Ashok Tuteja, Special Correspondent, Tribune
18. Mr. Subodh Ghildyal, Senior Editor, Times of India Hindi Dailies
19. Mr. Rajeev Ranjan Srivastava, Group Editor, Desh Bandhu
20. Mr. Bharat Agarwal, Executive Director, Dainik Bhaskar
21. Mr. Nitin Pradhan, Dy. Chief of National Bureau, Dainik Jagran

22. Mr. Bijender Singh, Foreign Affairs Correspondent, Rastriya Sahara Regional
23. Mr. Gautam Lahiri, Chief of Bureau, Sangbad Pratidin (Bengali)
24. Mr. Kalyan Barooah, Special Correspondent, Assam Tribune
25. Mr. Jagjit Singh Dardi, Editor-In-Chief, Charhdikala
26. Mr. Deepak Dewan, Executive Editor, North East Sun (English – North East)
27. Mr. Pranab Kumar Talukdar, Resident Editor, Purvanchal Prahari (Hindi Assam)
28. Mr. Krishnan Vaidyanathan, Editor, Dinamani (Tamil)
29. Mr. Vijayamohan Damodaran Nair, Chief of Bureau, Malayala Manorama (Malayalam)
30. Mr. Aslam Mohammed Khan, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Munsif (Urdu) TV
31. Ms. Smita Sharma, Associate Foreign Editor, CNN-IBN
32. Mr. Jagdish Chandra, Head, ETV Hindi and Urdu Channels, ETV
33. Mr. Vishnudeep Som, Editor and Senior Anchor, NDTV
34. Ms. Maha Siddiqui, Special Correspondent, Aaj Tak

List of Media Delegates Accompanied Prime Minister During his visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (April 2-3, 2016)

1. Mr. Manas Pratim Sarma, Correspondent, AIR
2. Mr. Sudhir Kumar, Sr. Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Soban Singh, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Sanjay Saini, Senior Technician, DD News
5. Mr. Mukundan Asokan, Cameraperson, Photo Division
6. Mr. Brij Mohan Meena, Cameraperson, Photo Division
7. Mr. Shirish Ganesh Shete, Chief Photo Journalist, PTI
8. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI

List of Media Delegates Accompanied Prime Minister During his visit to Belgium (March 30, 2016)

1. Mr. Manas Pratim Sarma, Correspondent, AIR
2. Mr. Sudhir Kumar, Sr. Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Soban Singh, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Sanjay Saini, Senior Technician, DD News
5. Mr. Mukundan Asokan, Cameraperson, Photo Division

6. Mr. Brij Mohan Meena, Cameraperson, Photo Division
7. Mr. Shirish Ganesh Shete, Chief Photo Journalist, PTI
8. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI

List of Media Delegates Accompanied Prime Minister During his visit to USA (March 31 – April 1, 2016)

1. Mr. Manas Pratim Sarma, Correspondent, AIR
2. Mr. Sudhir Kumar, Sr. Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Soban Singh, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Sanjay Saini, Senior Technician, DD News
5. Mr. Mukundan Asokan, Cameraperson, Photo Division
6. Mr. Brij Mohan Meena, Cameraperson, Photo Division
7. Mr. Shirish Ganesh Shete, Chief Photo Journalist, PTI
8. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI

List of Media Delegates Accompanied Prime Minister During his visit to Iran (May 22-23, 2016)

1. Ms. Shiela Rani, Correspondent, AIR
2. Mr. Sudhakar Das, Senior Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Anil Khanna, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Sanjay Saini, Senior Technician, DD
5. Mr. Shivraj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Mr. Brij Mohan Meena, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
7. Mr. Shahbaz Khan, Principal Photo Journalist, PTI
8. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI

List of media Delegates accompanied Hon'ble PM to Afghanistan (June 04, 2016)

1. Mr. Sant Bahadur, Deputy Director, AIR
2. Mr. Arun Anand Sharma, Senior Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Praveen Johar, Cameraperson, DD
4. Ms. Sanjay Saini, Senior Technician, DD
5. Mr. Shivraj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Mr. Brij Mohan Meena, Photographic Officer, Photo Division

7. Mr. Kamal Kishore Kamboj, Senior Photographer, PTI
8. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI

List of media Delegates accompanied Hon'ble PM to Qatar (June 04-05, 2016)

1. Mr. Sant Bahadur, Deputy Director, AIR
2. Mr. Arun Anand Sharma, Senior Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Praveen Johar, Cameraperson, DD
4. Ms. Sanjay Saini, Senior Technician, DD
5. Mr. Shivraj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Mr. Brij Mohan Meena, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
7. Mr. Kamal Kishore Kamboj, Senior Photographer, PTI
8. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI

List of media Delegates accompanied Hon'ble PM to Switzerland (June 5-6, 2016)

1. Mr. Sant Bahadur, Deputy Director, AIR
2. Mr. Arun Anand Sharma, Senior Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Praveen Johar, Cameraperson, DD
4. Ms. Sanjay Saini, Senior Technician, DD
5. Mr. Shivraj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Mr. Brij Mohan Meena, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
7. Mr. Kamal Kishore Kamboj, Senior Photographer, PTI
8. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI

List of media Delegates accompanied Hon'ble PM to USA (June 6-8, 2016)

1. Mr. Sant Bahadur, Deputy Director, AIR
2. Mr. Arun Anand Sharma, Senior Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Praveen Johar, Cameraperson, DD
4. Ms. Sanjay Saini, Senior Technician, DD
5. Mr. Shivraj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Mr. Brij Mohan Meena, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
7. Mr. Kamal Kishore Kamboj, Senior Photographer, PTI
8. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI

List of media Delegates accompanied Hon'ble PM to Mexico (June 08, 2016)

1. Mr. Sant Bahadur, Deputy Director, AIR
2. Mr. Arun Anand Sharma, Senior Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Praveen Johar, Cameraperson, DD
4. Ms. Sanjay Saini, Senior Technician, DD
5. Mr. Shivraj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Mr. Brij Mohan Meena, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
7. Mr. Kamal Kishore Kamboj, Senior Photographer, PTI
8. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI

List of media Delegates accompanied Hon'ble PM to Uzbekistan (June 23-24, 2016)

1. Ms. Joy Selvaraj, News Editor, AIR
2. Mr. Sudhakar Das, Senior Correspondent, DD News
3. Ms. Rajagopala Jayashree Puri, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Shiv Raj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
5. Mr. Brij Mohan Meena, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Mr. Subhav Shukla, Sr. Photographer, PTI
7. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI

List of media Delegates accompanied Hon'ble PM to Mozambique (July 07, 2016)

1. Mr. Rajesh Kumar Jha, Director (News), AIR
2. Mr. Sudhir Kumar, Senior Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Soban Singh, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Mukundan Asokan, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
5. Mr. Kamal Singh Gosain, Principal Photo Journalist, PTI
6. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI

List of media Delegates accompanied Hon'ble PM to South Africa (July 07 to 09, 2016)

1. Mr. Rajesh Kumar Jha, Director (News), AIR
2. Mr. Sudhir Kumar, Senior Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Soban Singh, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Mukundan Asokan, Photographic Officer, Photo Division

5. Mr. Kamal Singh Gosain, Principal Photo Journalist, PTI
6. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI

**List of media Delegates accompanied Hon'ble PM to Tanzania
(July 09-10, 2016)**

1. Mr. Rajesh Kumar Jha, Director (News), AIR
2. Mr. Sudhir Kumar, Senior Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Soban Singh, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Mukundan Asokan, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
5. Mr. Kamal Singh Gosain, Principal Photo Journalist, PTI
6. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI

**List of media Delegates accompanied Hon'ble PM to Kenya
(July 10-11, 2016)**

1. Mr. Rajesh Kumar Jha, Director (News), AIR
2. Mr. Sudhir Kumar, Senior Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Soban Singh, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Mukundan Asokan, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
5. Mr. Kamal Singh Gosain, Principal Photo Journalist, PTI
6. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Cameraman, ANI

**List of Media Delegates Accompanied Prime Minister During his visit to Vietnam
(September 02-03, 2016)**

1. Mr. Rajeev Kumar Jain, Director, AIR
2. Mr. Arun Anand Sharma, Senior Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Anil Khanna, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Shiv Raj, Photographic Officer, Photo division
5. Mr. Lalit Kumar, Cameraperson, News Point
6. Mr. Vijay Verma, Cameraperson, PTI
7. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Video Cameraman, ANI

**List of Media Delegates Accompanied Prime Minister During his visit to
China (September 03-05, 2016)**

1. Mr. Rajeev Kumar Jain, Director, AIR
2. Mr. Arun Anand Sharma, Senior Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Anil Khanna, Cameraperson, DD News

4. Mr. Shiv Raj, Photographic Officer, Photo division
5. Mr. Lalit Kumar, Cameraperson, News Point
6. Mr. Vijay Verma, Cameraperson, PTI
7. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Video Cameraman, ANI

List of Media Delegates Accompanied Prime Minister During his visit to Lao PDR (September 07-08, 2016)

1. Mr. Rajeev Kumar Jain, Director, AIR
2. Mr. Arun Anand Sharma, Senior Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Anil Khanna, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Shiv Raj, Photographic Officer, Photo division
5. Mr. Lalit Kumar, Cameraperson, News Point
6. Mr. Vijay Verma, Cameraperson, PTI
7. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Video Cameraman, ANI

List of Media delegates of the Visit of Prime Minister to Thailand and Japan (November 10-12, 2016)

1. Mr. Sant Bahadur, Assistant Director, AIR
2. Mr. Arun Anand Sharma, Sr. Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Soban Singh, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Brij Mohan Meena, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
5. Mr. Lalit Kumar, Official Cameraperson, News Point
6. Mr. Shirish Ganesh Shete, Chief Photographer, PTI
7. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Video Cameraperson, ANI

List of Media delegates of the Visit of Prime Minister to Sri Lanka (May 11-12, 2017)

1. Mr. Sant Bahadur, Assistant Director, AIR
2. Mr. Sudhakar Das, Sr. Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Anil Khanna, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Shiv Raj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
5. Mr. Lalit Kumar, Official Cameraperson, News Point
6. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Video Cameraperson, ANI

**List of Media delegates of the Visits of Prime Minister to Germany
(May 29-30, 2017)**

1. Mr. Manas Pratim Sarma, Correspondent, AIR
2. Mr. Sudhir Kumar, Sr. Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Soban Singh, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Shiv Raj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
5. Mr. Lalit Kumar, Official Cameraperson, News Point
6. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Video Cameraperson, ANI

**List of Media delegates of the Visits of Prime Minister to Spain
(May 30-31, 2017)**

1. Mr. Manas Pratim Sarma, Correspondent, AIR
2. Mr. Sudhir Kumar, Sr. Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Soban Singh, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Shiv Raj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
5. Mr. Lalit Kumar, Official Cameraperson, News Point
6. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Video Cameraperson, ANI

**List of Media delegates of the Visits of Prime Minister to Russia
(June 1-2, 2017)**

1. Mr. Manas Pratim Sarma, Correspondent, AIR
2. Mr. Sudhir Kumar, Sr. Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Soban Singh, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Shiv Raj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
5. Mr. Lalit Kumar, Official Cameraperson, News Point
6. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Video Cameraperson, ANI

**List of Media delegates of the Visits of Prime Minister to France
(June 2-3, 2017)**

1. Mr. Manas Pratim Sarma, Correspondent, AIR
2. Mr. Sudhir Kumar, Sr. Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Soban Singh, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Shiv Raj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
5. Mr. Lalit Kumar, Official Cameraperson, News Point
6. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Video Cameraperson, ANI

**List of Media delegates of the Visit of Prime Minister to Kazakhstan
(8-9 June, 2017)**

1. Mr. Souvagya Kar, Assistant Director, AIR
2. Mr. Arun Anand Sharma, Sr. Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. I.P.S. Ahluwalia, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Brij Mohan Meena, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
5. Mr. Lalit Kumar, Official Cameraperson, News Point
6. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Video Cameraperson, ANI

**List of Media delegates of the Visits of Prime Minister to Portugal
(June 24, 2017)**

1. Mr. Rajeev Kumar Jain, ADG (News), AIR
2. Mr. Sudhir Kumar, Sr. Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Y.K. Loknath, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Shiv Raj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
5. Mr. Lalit Kumar, Official Cameraperson, News Point
6. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Video Cameraperson, ANI

**List of Media delegates of the Visits of Prime Minister to USA
(June 25-26, 2017)**

1. Mr. Rajeev Kumar Jain, ADG (News), AIR
2. Mr. Sudhir Kumar, Sr. Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Y.K. Loknath, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Shiv Raj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
5. Mr. Lalit Kumar, Official Cameraperson, News Point
6. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Video Cameraperson, ANI

**List of Media delegates of the Visits of Prime Minister to Netherlands
(June 27, 2017)**

1. Mr. Rajeev Kumar Jain, ADG (News), AIR
2. Mr. Sudhir Kumar, Sr. Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Y.K. Loknath, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Shiv Raj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
5. Mr. Lalit Kumar, Official Cameraperson, News Point
6. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Video Cameraperson, ANI

**List of Media delegates of the Visit of Prime Minister to Israel
(July 4-6, 2017)**

1. Mr. Rajesh Jha, Director (News), AIR
2. Mr. Sudhakar Das, Sr. Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Anil Khanna, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Mukundan Asokan, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
5. Mr. Lalit Kumar, Official Cameraperson, News Point
6. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Video Cameraperson, ANI

**List of Media delegates of the Visit of Prime Minister to Germany
(July 6-8, 2017)**

1. Mr. Rajesh Jha, Director (News), AIR
2. Mr. Sudhakar Das, Sr. Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Anil Khanna, Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Mukundan Asokan, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
5. Mr. Lalit Kumar, Official Cameraperson, News Point
6. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Video Cameraperson, ANI

**List of Media delegates accompanied Prime Minister during his visit to China for
BRICS-2017 and Myanmar (September 3-7, 2017)**

1. Mr. Sant Bahadur, Deputy Director (News), AIR
2. Mr. Arun Anand Sharma, Sr. Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. Praveen Johar, Official Video Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Brij Mohan Meena, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
5. Mr. Lalit Kumar, Official Cameraperson, News Point
6. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Video Cameraperson, ANI

**List of Media delegates for the Visit of Prime Minister to Manila
(Philippines) (November 12-14, 2017)**

1. Ms. Devpreet Singh, Director (News), AIR
2. Mr. Sudhir Kumar, Sr. Correspondent, DD News
3. Mr. IPS Ahluwalia, Official Video Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Shiv Raj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
5. Mr. Lalit Kumar, Official Cameraperson, DD News
6. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Video Cameraperson, ANI

List of Media delegates for the Visit of Prime Minister to Davos (Switzerland) (January 22-23, 2018)

1. Shri Rajesh Kumar Jha, Director (News), AIR
2. Shri Arun Anand Sharma, Sr. Correspondent, DD News
3. Shri Y.K. Loknath, Official Video Cameraperson, DD News
4. Mr. Lalit Kumar, Official Cameraperson, DD News
5. Mr. Shiv Raj, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Video Cameraperson, ANI

List of Media delegates for the Visits of Prime Minister to Jordan, Palestine, UAE and Oman (February 9-12, 2018)

1. Sh. Sauvagya Kar, Editor, AIR
2. Sh. Sudhakar Das, Senior Correspondent, DD News
3. Sh. Anil Khanna, Official Video Cameraperson, DD News
4. Sh. Lalit Kumar, Official Photographer, DD News
5. Sh. M. Asokan, Photographic Officer, Photo Division
6. Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Video Cameraperson, ANI

Military bases of China after Doklam issue

†1445. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chinese army is still standing firm at a certain distance in Doklam even after the Doklam impasse is over and after this deadlock China is showing aggression in taking up the border issues;

(b) whether it is also a fact that China is setting up military bases in sea in coordination with many countries which is seemingly its strategy to surround India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (GENERAL RETD. V. K. SINGH): (a) Since the disengagement of Indian and Chinese border personnel in the Doklam area on 28 August 2017, there have been

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.