

the issue with China, including at the highest level, consistently highlighting the threat of cross-border terrorism emanating from Pakistan and affecting the region, including India.

India has also remained engaged in dialogue with China, which is a member of the Nuclear Suppliers Group, on matters related to India's membership of the Nuclear Suppliers Group.

Private individuals accompanying PM on his foreign visit

2408. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of non-Governmental and private individuals who accompanied Prime Minister in his foreign visits during 2014 to 2018;
- (b) the names of private individuals and the purpose of taking them along with Prime Minister; and
- (c) the details of expenditure incurred on the visits, if private individuals have accompanied along the Prime Minister during these visits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (RETD.) V. K. SINGH]: (a) to (c) The Prime Minister's delegation on foreign visits usually consists of representatives from the Prime Minister's office, the security agencies, Ministry of External Affairs and Media agencies. These officials are selected on the basis of functional requirements of that specific foreign trip. All these officials perform their specific duties assigned to them during the visit.

As regards non-Governmental delegates, it has been the practice that a small media contingent accompanies the Prime Minister on board the special flight. At present, this comprises the Doordarshan, AIR, Photo Division and ANI. In the past, it included agencies like PTI and UNI. The details of the media persons that accompanied Prime Ministers during visits abroad is available in public domain.

The details of the expenditure incurred during the Prime Minister's visits is also available in public domain.

Utilisation of Bombay House

2409. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of proposals under consideration to utilise the