

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

Bombay House of Mohammed Ali Jinnah which has been taken over by Government as an enemy property?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (RETD.) V. K. SINGH]: It has been decided to renovate and refurbish 'South Court', also referred to as 'Jinnah House', which is an evacuee property in Mumbai and develop it on the pattern of facilities available in Hyderabad House in Delhi.

#### **Vandalisation of Sikh War Memorial in UK**

2410. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the acts of vandalism committed against the Sikh War Memorial on the 9th of November, 2018, in Smethwick, United Kingdom;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has established any communications with the concerned authorities, including the Foreign Office, in the United Kingdom requesting strict and speedy action;

(c) if so, the details thereof, including response received; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (RETD.) V. K. SINGH]: (a) to (d) Yes. The statue of the Sikh soldier titled, "The Lions of the Great War", in Smethwick (Birmingham, UK), conceived and erected (on 4th Nov. 2018) at the initiative of the local community was targeted by vandals in the early hours of 9th November 2018. The statue was installed to honour the sacrifices made by South Asia service personnel of all faiths who fought for Britain in the Great War. The local police treated the incident as a "racially-aggravated criminal damage" and have registered a case in the matter. The police continue to work closely with the local communities and have increased security presence in the area to provide reassurance.

#### **Features of Quadrilateral Security Dialogue**

2411. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features and aims of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, with Japan, Australia and the United States of America;