

Date: 14/10/2014

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To,
Shri Inder Jit Sagar
CPIO and Under Secretary (PP)
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India
Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan
23-D, Janpath
New Delhi- 110 001

Dear sir,


Sub: Payment of additional fee for obtaining information under the RTI Act, 2005

Ref: Your communication of No. F(ii)551(1)2014 dated 7th October, 2014


Apropos of your communication captioned above, I have enclosed IPOs for Rs. 92/- towards payment of the additional fee for obtaining information under the RTI Act. The IPOs bear the following numbers: 05G: 334824, 334825, 334826 and 334827; 23F 480652 and 3 16 254174.

Kindly arrange to send the information requested at point #2 of my RTI application dated 09/08/2014 to my postal address mentioned above.

Thanking you,
Yours sincerely,


14/10/14
Venkatesh Nayak

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

No. F(ii)551/(1)2014

24th October, 2014

To,

Shri Venkatesh Nayak,
B-117, 2nd Floor,
Sarvodaya Enclave,
New Delhi-110017.

Subject: Information sought under RTI Act, 2005.

Sir,

This has reference to your RTI application dated 9/8/2014 seeking copy of the Monthly Summaries for the months of May and June 2014 with respect to Ministry of External Affairs and your communication dated 14/10/2014 making payment of Rs. 92/- through IPOs for obtaining the copy of the Monthly Summaries.

2. Please find enclosed herewith the copy of the Monthly Summaries for the months of May and June 2014, containing 46 pages, in respect of Ministry of External Affairs.

3. If the applicant is not satisfied with the reply, he may please appeal within 30 days from the receipt of this letter to Shri Thanglura Darlong, Joint Secretary (PP&R) & the First Appellate Authority, Ministry of External Affairs, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, 23-D, Janpath, New Delhi, 110011, Tel No. 49015351, Fax NO. 49015352, e-mail: jsctpp@mea.gov.in

Yours faithfully,

(Inder Jit Sagar)

Under Secretary (PP) & CPIO

Encl: As above

Copy to: 1. RTI Cell, Ministry of External Affairs, 2021, JNB 23-D, Janpath,
New Delhi-110011
2. JS (PP&R), MEA, R.N. 2089, JNB, 23-D, Janpath, New Delhi-
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June 25, 2014

No.HI/102/5/2014

Subject: Summary of Important Developments concerning the Ministry of External Affairs for May, 2014.

Dear Cabinet Secretary,

Highlights of important developments concerning the Ministry of External Affairs during the month of May 2014 are as below:

(I) Important policy decisions taken during the month:

- (i) External Affairs Minister approved the signing of an MOU between GoI and the Government of Uganda for setting up of a Food Processing Business Incubation Centre in Uganda. This is a project under the India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS) mechanism. The MOU will be signed shortly with our High Commissioner to Uganda as the signatory on behalf of GoI.
- (ii) An MOU in relation to mutual cooperation and technical assistance between Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and Non-Bank Financial Institutions Regulatory Authority (NBFIRA) of Botswana was signed on 22 May 2014 at Mumbai.
- (iii) A medical delegation from Apollo Hospital group visited Madagascar and signed an MOU on 23rd May with the Malagasy Ministry of Public Health in the field of health cooperation.
- (iv) India and Myanmar have signed an MoU on Border Cooperation in Nay Pyi Taw on May 8, 2014. The MoU provides a framework for security cooperation and intelligence exchange between Indian and Myanmar security agencies.
- (v) Two agreements, one on Study of Ground Water Resources of Kampong Spue Province in Cambodia and the other on Development of Master Plan for Slem Reap River Basin in Cambodia, were signed between Shri Sanjay Bhattacharyya, Joint Secretary (South) and Shri R.K. Gupta, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, WAPCOS Ltd. The projects spread over 3 and 2 years respectively will cost US \$ 1.79 million and US \$ 1.15 million respectively.
- (vi) On the sidelines of St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF), ONGC-VL and Rosneft signed an MoU (May 24), in the presence of President Putin, for cooperation in subsurface surveys, exploration, appraisal and production of hydrocarbons in the offshore Arctic Regions of Russia.
- (vii) A business delegation from Federation of Indian Export Organisation (FIEO) visited Jordan (26-28 May) and Lebanon (28-31 May). In Jordan, an MOU was signed between FIEO and Amman Chamber of Commerce to develop joint

commercial and investment cooperation. In Lebanon, another MOU was signed between FIEO and the Chamber of Commerce of Industry and Agriculture of Saida.

(II) Important Policy matters under consideration, including proposals submitted to the SFC/EFC/Cabinet/cabinet Committees:

(i) The Ministry proposes to establish an Empowered Group of Secretaries to expedite internal administrative and financial approvals for development assistance projects abroad. In this regard, a draft note for Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs was prepared and comments were sought from the concerned Ministries. The final note, however, could not be submitted for consideration of the CCEA due to announcement of the date for elections. The Ministry proposes to move the proposal for consideration in the near future.

(ii) The MEA proposes to revise the terms and conditions of Line of Credit to make it more attractive to borrowing countries. The procedural aspects relating to award of contracts and project monitoring committees have been included in the revised draft. This is being finalized in consultation with Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance. In this connection a meeting was held with the Ministry of Finance on March 21, 2014 followed by another meeting on April 30, 2014.

(III) Important Policy matters held up due to prolonged Inter-Ministerial consultations/delays etc.: Nil

(IV) Any items pending in the Cabinet Secretariat: Nil

(V) Important Developments in areas like Export Performance, industrial production, price fluctuation and other events of public importance:

(i) Coal India Ltd invited expressions of interest (EoI) for the third phase of drilling of an additional 10,000 metres in its concession area of coal mines in Mozambique.

(ii) An Indian company M/s Jaguar Limited (related to the Jindal Group) won a contract to renovate and expand the Harare Power Plant for US\$ 72 million. M/s Jaguar outbid M/s BHEL and a Chinese company, which quoted US\$ 92 million and US\$ 110 million respectively.

(iii) A delegation from PSU Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) visited Brunei on 24-25 May to sign a Sale of Oil Agreement with Brunei Shell Petroleum. The contract valued at B\$383 million will include import of Seria Export Light Blend Crude and Champion Export Crude oil only and total term is 5,000 barrels per day and 5,000 optimal term volume.

(VI) Targets relating to key programmes/projects along with performance against the targets, during and upto, the month in respect of each programme/project: Nil

(VII) Compliance status of the decisions of the cabinet/cabinet committees pending for implementation along with: As per Annexure-I

(i) Reasons for non-implementation, if not implemented and likely date by which implementation would be complete;

(ii) Deviations, if any, from the decisions of cabinet/cabinet committees, with details such as nature of deviations, whether fresh approval of the cabinet/cabinet committees has been taken and whether the matter has been brought to the notice of the Minister-in-charge.

(VIII) Compliance Status of the decisions of the Committee of Secretaries(COS) pending for implementation and likely date by which implementation would be complete: As per Annexure II.

(IX) Particulars of cases in which there has been a departure from the transaction of business rules or established policy of the Government: Nil

(X) Any other important developments that the Secretary wants to bring to the notice of Cabinet Secretary/PMO: As per Annexure-III.

(xi) Whether any case of sanction for prosecution is pending in the Ministry/ Department for more than three months: Nil

Yours sincerely,



(Sujatha Singh)

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Shri Ajit Kumar Seth
Cabinet Secretary,
Rashtrapati Bhawan
New Delhi

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Copy to National Security Adviser, Prime Minister's Office, South Block, New Delhi.



(Sujatha Singh)
Foreign Secretary

Ministry of External Affairs
Monthly Summary for the Cabinet

Important Developments during May 2014.

1. **Afghanistan:** On May 23, four heavily armed gunmen whose identities are yet to be confirmed launched an attack on the Indian consulate in Herat. The ITBP contingent providing security to the Indian consulate and the Afghan security forces repulsed the attack and all the gunmen were eventually killed. All the Indian officials were unhurt in the incident. On May 30-31, Foreign Secretary visited Herat & Kabul with an Indian delegation, to take stock of the situation.

1(1). On May 26, Afghan President Hamid Karzai led a delegation to India to attend the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister.

2. **Australia:** The 5th round of talks on civil nuclear cooperation was held in Mumbai. The two sides finalized the draft text of the Agreement for cooperation in the peaceful uses of Nuclear Energy. Thus the agreement will be ready for signature during any VVIP visit. The two sides now need to finalise the administrative arrangements for implementation of this Agreement.

2(1). Second Workshop & Meeting of the G-20 Energy Sustainability Working Group (ESWG2) was held in Sydney on May 28-30, 2014. Indian delegation was led by Adviser (Energy), Planning Commission who was also co-chair of this meeting. This meeting further discussed the member countries' issues and reports from various international organizations. These are proposed to be fed into the Summit meeting scheduled in the end of this year.

3. **Bangladesh:** Ms. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhary, Speaker of the Bangladesh Jatiyo Sangshad (Parliament) visited India to participate in the oath taking ceremony of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi 25-28 May, 2014. Issues of bilateral interest were discussed during these meetings.

4. **Bhutan:** Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay (PMTT) of Bhutan visited India from 25-28 May 2014 to attend PM's swearing-in ceremony. In their bilateral meeting on 27 May, PM conveyed to PMTT his warm greetings and respects to His Majesty the King of Bhutan. He noted that India and Bhutan share a unique and special relationship with longstanding historical and cultural linkages. He assured PMTT of India's unflinching support for Bhutan's socioeconomic development. The two Prime Ministers agreed to commence four new joint venture hydroelectric projects with a generating capacity of 2120 MW in Bhutan. They affirmed their mutual security interests and agreed to closely coordinate and cooperate on issues relating to their national interest.

5. **Canada:** EAM received a congratulatory call from Canada's Foreign Minister John Baird on May 29. EAM invited FM Baird to visit India for the second round of the India-Canada Strategic Dialogue.

6. **Egypt:** Al Azhar (AA), a highly influential institution in Islamic studies, issued (08 May) a controversial statement on the recent violence in Assam. The statement denounced "the

massacres" being committed, resulting in the killing of dozens of Muslim citizens. It called on OIC and human rights organizations to ward off these "acts of genocide against Muslim citizens". The statement was also posted on the website of Egyptian State Information Service. Earlier, OIC issued (06 May) a similar statement condemning the attacks on Muslims in Assam. Secretary (East), M.E.A. expressed (13 May) his strong displeasure at the statement to the Egyptian Ambassador in New Delhi. In parallel, our Head of Mission in Cairo also registered strong objection with the Foreign Office and AA authorities.

6(1). Two officials from the Election Commission of India visited Egypt to "follow" the Presidential elections (26-28 May).

6(2). A 2-member team from MHA visited (18-23 May) Cairo and implemented the biometric component of Immigration, Visa and Foreigners Registration & Tracking (IVFRT) system. EOI started capturing biometric data from 20 May onwards.

7. **Fiji:** Mr. Aiyaz Saiyed-Khaiyum, Attorney General, Republic of Fiji accompanied by Mr. Abdul Khan, Executive Chairman of Fiji Sugar Corporation visited India on 19 May 2014. In Delhi, he met Secretary (East), M.E.A. and held consultations with representatives of various Foreign Missions in Delhi to explore the possibility of selling Fiji sugar to these countries in view of the fact that European Union's concessional rate regime for Fiji sugar is coming to an end. Separately, Health Minister Dr. Neil Sharma visited the Tata Memorial Hospital on 24 May for discussions on setting up an oncological unit in Fiji. He also visited Sahyadri Speciality Hospital in Pune and discussed Fiji Government's ongoing partnership with Sahyadri.

8. **France:** EAM received congratulatory message from Foreign Minister of France Laurent Fabius on 30 May 2014.

9. **Israel:** PM Netanyahu telephonically congratulated our PM on election victory. Israeli Foreign Minister Liberman also made a congratulatory telephone call to EAM (29 May) in which he invited EAM to visit Israel, which was accepted in principle.

9(1). A delegation led by JS, Dept. of Electronics & IT, participated (20-22 May) in the 1st Israel Innovation Conference "MIXiii" in Tel Aviv.

9(2). It was reported in the press that 40 members of the Bnei Menashe community from Manipur and Mizoram, believed to be from the 'lost tribes', immigrated to Israel. Statistics suggest that almost 2,200 of them are currently in Israel.

10. **Georgia:** It was reported that an Indian company, Jyoti Construction, entered into an agreement for executing a network construction (grid) on Jyari-Khorga interconnection in collaboration with a Portuguese company, EFACEC. The estimated cost of the project is Euro 50 million to be funded by German Bank, EBRD and the EU.

11. **Kenya:** A 16-member delegation of the National Defence College (NDC) of India visited Kenya on a study tour from 11-17 May 2014.

12. **Madagascar:** An 'India Week' was celebrated from 12 to 16 May 2014 at the Institute of Political Studies, Antananarivo under the auspices of the Indian Embassy. The event was inaugurated by the Malagasy Minister of Cultural and Heritage and was aimed at introducing

to the students India's economic progress, educational opportunities and its rich cultural heritage. Indian films and documentaries were also screened during the week at the Institute.

12(1). An Indian PIO businessman Danil Ismail in Antananarivo announced ambitious projects for the creation of future agricultural training centre, laboratory analysis and a poultry slaughterhouse of international standards through one of his companies, Agrival-Agrifam Group.

13. Maldives: President of Maldives Abdulla Yameen visited India at our invitation from 26-27 May 2014 for the swearing in ceremony of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He had bilateral meetings with President Shri Pranab Mukherjee and PM. PM conveyed to President Yameen the high importance attached by India to its relations with the Maldives, and pledged to work towards further enhancing bilateral cooperation. PM noted that the two countries had a shared recognition that the security interests of both countries were interlinked and agreed that each side would continue to be sensitive to the concerns of the other. It was agreed to take measures to further strengthen investment and trade cooperation. PM expressed Government's support to cooperation in the petroleum and natural gas sector, particularly in oil exploration as well as in the tourism and education sectors.

14. Mauritius: Mauritius Prime Minister Navinchandra Ramgoolam attended the swearing-in ceremony of the new government on 26 May 2014 and had a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 27 May. PM Ramgoolam said that Mauritius "would not allow anybody to abuse or misuse its jurisdiction for any illicit activities". On the issue of Double Taxation Avoidance Convention [DTAC] between two countries, the Mauritius Prime Minister said that there must be a quick resolution to resolve all issues related to the direct tax avoidance agreement between the two countries. He also invited the Prime Minister to visit Mauritius.

14(1). After his return from India, PM Ramgoolam said that Mauritius would go for "automatic exchange of tax information" and that both the leaders have "agreed to "to set up a 'Special Cell' at the PMOs of both countries to oversee financial exchanges".

15. Namibia: Namibia purchased electronic voting machines (EVM) from India for use in the forthcoming Presidential and General elections in Namibia. Professor Paul Isaak, Director of the Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) said that those EVMs were successfully used in the recently held General Elections in India and there was no doubt about their effectiveness.

16. Nepal: Prime Minister Sushil Koirala of Nepal (PMSK) visited India from 26-28 May, 2014 to attend PM's swearing-in ceremony. In their bilateral meeting on 27th May, PM noted that Nepal was an old and deeply valued friend with whom India shared history, geography and ancient civilisational ties; and it was his earnest desire to visit Nepal this year. PM expressed his appreciation for the political progress achieved in Nepal and conveyed his sincere hope that the Constitution would be adopted in the one-year timeframe that Nepal had set for itself. He expressed his determination to further strengthen connectivity and economic inter-linkages between India and Nepal, including through projects for rail and road connectivity. PM stressed the importance of expediting implementation of these projects and particularly projects in the hydropower and transmission sectors. He thanked Nepal for the ongoing security cooperation between law enforcement agencies on both sides which both sides are resolved to strengthen even further.

17. **Pakistan:** Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif attended the swearing-in-ceremony of the new Government on 26 May 2014 in New Delhi. Pakistani PM held bilateral talks with the Prime Minister and called on Rashtrapati on 27 May 2014 in New Delhi.

17(1). In the meeting with Pakistani PM Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister underlined India's concerns relating to terrorism. It was conveyed that Pakistan must abide by its commitment to prevent its territory and territory under its control from being used for terrorism against India. It is also expected that necessary steps would be taken in the Mumbai terror attack trial underway in Pakistan to ensure speedy progress of the case and the conviction of those responsible. The Prime Ministers agreed that the Foreign Secretaries will remain in touch and explore how to move forward. PM said that the two countries could move immediately towards full trade normalization on the basis of the September 2012 roadmap.

18. **Russia:** President Putin called PM (23 May) to congratulate him on his election victory. According to a Kremlin release, the two leaders *inter alia* "confirmed their mutual desire to continue building all-round relations in trade and economy, science and technology, people-to-people contacts and other areas and effectively coordinate work on key international issues". The two leaders also discussed contacts for later this year.

18(1). The annual "Russian Davos" was held in St. Petersburg (May 22-24). The Indian Ambassador in Moscow, accompanied by JS (ERS), JS (Commerce) and JS (DIPP), led the Indian delegation at the event. This year, the event saw some reduction in the level of attendance from CEOs of larger American companies (at US government behest) but European and other international corporate were generously represented, including the heads of world's leading infrastructure funds from China, USA, UAE, France, Italy, Bahrain and Kuwait. The Russia-China economic alliance was a pervasive theme at the Forum. At a session with global CEOs, President Putin, responding to observations by the CII-President-designate, spoke about longstanding friendship between India and Russia and that visa free travel and right to employment of Indians in Russia had been under discussion and that resolution of these issues is possible with due consideration to understandable restrictions" stemming from the desire to protect labour markets. In response to a query by a PTI journalist, President Putin said Russia is "grateful to the Indian leadership and to the people of India for a balanced position" on sanctions following developments in Ukraine.

18(2). Additional Secretary A K Bishnoi, MoD participated in the 3rd Moscow Conference on International Security (23 May) and addressed the Plenary Session. Defence Ministers of Russia, China, Iran, Pakistan and Deputy DM of Egypt and China attended the conference. The US and EU countries boycotted the conference. Ambassador Stobdan of IDSA also participated.

18(3). JS (Eurasia), MEA and JS (FT-CIS), Department of Commerce, held consultations in Moscow with the Eurasian Economic Commission on the modalities for setting up a Joint Study Group on a CECA/FTA between India and the Customs Union of Russia, Kazakhstan and Belarus.

19. **Seychelles:** The Indian Naval Ship *Trishul*, visited Port Victoria from 29 April to 7 May 2014 as part of its mission to carry out surveillance of Seychelles' Exclusive Economic Zone. The ship was also carrying an air conditioning compressor for PS Topaz of Seychelles, which was repaired by the Indian Navy. It carried out extensive EEZ surveillance in sectors

selected by the Seychelles Coast Guard (SCG) from 1 – 6 May with SCG personnel on board. During the surveillance, the SCG personnel were trained in navigation, seamanship and various other ship related evolutions. The ship donated some items for daily use onboard various SCG ships and the technical team of the ship provided expert assistance for minor defect rectification onboard various Seychelles Coast Guard ships.

20. **Singapore:** Two Indian nationals, working in Singapore were sentenced in May to 30-33 months jail term and three strokes of the cane each for their role in the little India riots last year. They had pleaded guilty. 25 Indian nationals have been charged for their roles in the Little India riots.

20(1). Indian Navy (IN) and Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) conducted the annual Singapore-Indian Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) from 22-27 May, hosted by the IN. The opening ceremony was held in Port Blair on 22 May.

21. **South Korea:** An Indian delegation led by Secretary, Planning Commission attended Clean Energy Ministerial-5 (CEM-5) at Seoul, South Korea on May 12-13, 2014. The meeting discussed a range of issues such as transfer of Clean Energy Technologies at affordable costs, energy efficiency, development of renewable energy, cooperation for enhanced human capacity building and action plan for future etc.

22. **Sri Lanka:** President of Sri Lanka Mahinda Rajapaksa visited India at our invitation from 26-27 May 2014 for the swearing in ceremony of Prime Minister (PM) Shri Narendra Modi. He had bilateral meetings with President Shri Pranab Mukherjee and PM. PM noted that India valued its relations with Sri Lanka and requested the government of Sri Lanka to expedite the process of national reconciliation in a manner that meets the aspirations of the Tamil community for a life of equality, justice, peace and dignity in a united Sri Lanka. Other important issues which were discussed included early and full implementation of the 13th Amendment and beyond, fishermen's issue, India's development assistance programme and economic and commercial cooperation, in particular, early launch of 500 MW Sampur Coal Power project and greater connectivity between the two countries.

23. **Sudan:** Indian Embassy continued its efforts with Sudanese agencies, United Nations Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) and other external parties for the release of Mr Irfan Jaffrey, an Indian national working for Trigyn Technologies Ltd., a sub-contractor of UNAMID, who was abducted on 11 March 2014.

24. **Thailand:** Foreign tourists have been urged to take greater care when visiting Thailand, with 31 countries and territories led by the United States, Canada, Britain, Germany, Switzerland, China and Japan, adjusting their travel advisories after the military coup. Indian Embassy also issued advisories on similar lines. The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TATA) expected that Thailand would miss the 2014 tourist arrival target of 28 million. Earlier the Thai Pheu Party Government led by the former Commerce Minister, Niwatthamrong Boonsongpaisan who was named by the Thai cabinet as Yingluck's replacement was dismissed by the Royal Thai Army on 22 May when the Army Chief announced a takeover (Coup). On 7 May, the Constitutional Court found PM Yingluck along with 9 Cabinet colleagues guilty in the unconstitutional removal of National Security Council Chief. Later on 8th May, National Anti-corruption Commission indicted Yingluck of mismanagement of Government's fund in the 'populist' Rice Pledging Scheme.

25. **Tajikistan:** Foreign Secretary Smt. Sujatha Singh led the Indian delegation to Dushanbe (07-09 May) to hold Foreign Office Consultations with her Tajik counterpart, Deputy FM Nizomiddin Zohidov. FS was received by the President, FM and Defence Minister of Tajikistan. She also visited Gissar Military Aerodrome and India-Tajikistan Friendship Hospital.

25(1). The international 'scientific and practical' conference "The Shanghai Cooperation Organization in regional security: Challenges and Prospects" was held in Dushanbe from 14 to 15 May, 2014. Ambassador Phunchok Stobdan represented India at the Conference.

26. **Tunisia:** A 7-member Tunisian delegation visited (21-23 May) Mumbai to attend the International Exhibition of Pharma and Healthcare "IPHEX 2014".

27. **United Kingdom:** EAM received congratulatory telephone calls from UK Foreign Secretary Mr. William Hague 29 May 2014.

28. **Ukraine:** Following the clashes between the Ukrainian forces and pro-Russian rebels in the east and southeast Ukraine resulting in loss of lives, on May 7, the Official Spokesperson, "responding to a media query on recent events in Ukraine", said:

"India expresses its sincere condolences to the people of Ukraine on the recent tragic loss of life in Odessa. India is deeply concerned at the escalating crisis in Ukraine that is marked by an increasing number of violent incidents. India once again urges all sides to abjure violence and seek a political and diplomatic solution that builds on recent agreements and takes into account the legitimate interests of all concerned".

28(1). On the successful conduct of the presidential elections in Ukraine (25 May), a press release was issued on 30th May which said:

"India welcomes the successful conduct of the presidential elections and congratulates the Government and the friendly people of Ukraine as well as President-elect Mr. Petro Poroshenko on his victory in the election.

India is a firm believer in the power of the expression of democratic will by the people. As the largest democracy in the world, India has recently seen a vibrant election where the people have voted for a new Government with a clear mandate. The unambiguous mandate in Ukraine will hopefully provide a healing touch after the recent incidents of violence. India hopes that the election of Mr. Poroshenko as the fifth President of Ukraine would lead to an inclusive dialogue among various sections for a peaceful resolution of the crisis, restoring peace and stability in Ukraine and in the region. Ties between India and Ukraine which are marked by warmth and friendship have grown stronger over the years. India looks forward to further strengthening its comprehensive partnership with Ukraine."

29. **United States:** On May 12, US President Barack Obama congratulated the people of India on completing the elections. He noted that "we look forward to the formation of a new government once election results are announced and to working closely with India's next administration to make the coming years equally transformative." President Obama later called PM-elect on May 16 and noted that he looked forward to working closely with him to fulfill the 'extraordinary promise' of the US-India strategic partnership. They agreed to

continue expanding and deepening wide-ranging cooperation. President Obama invited elect to visit Washington at a mutually agreeable time.

29(1). On May 20, US Secretary of State John Kerry congratulated the BJP *"on their resounding victory in India's historic national election, and to Mr. Narendra Modi on his election as Prime Minister of India"*. He added that *"the US stands ready to work closely with Prime Minister Modi and the new government"* and that he *"looked forward to returning to India soon"* and echoed *"President Obama's invitation to PM Modi to visit the US at the earliest opportunity"*.

29(2). US Secretary of State John Kerry called EAM on May 29 to congratulate her and mentioned that he was eager to visit India at an appropriate time.

29(3). Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA), Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee (HFAC), Rep. Eloit Engel (D-NY), Ranking Member, HFAC, Rep. Joe Crowley (D-NY), Co-Chair of India Caucus, Rep. Aaron Schock (R-IL), Senator John McCain (R-AZ), Congressman Eni Faleomavaega (D-AS), Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI) and Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) issued congratulatory statements on India's election results and the decisive victory of BJP.

29(4). Senator Mark Warner (R-VA), Co-Chair of Senate India-Caucus; Senator John Cornyn (R-TX), Co-Chair of Senate India-Caucus; Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Chairman Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Rep. Ted Poe (R-TX), Chairman of House Foreign Affairs Sub Committee on Terrorism, Non Proliferation and Trade and Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA) wrote congratulatory letters to PM. Senator Mark Warner (R-VA), Senator John Cornyn (R-TX), Rep. Peter Roskam (R-IL) and Rep. Joseph Crowley (D-NY) wrote to President Obama expressing strong bipartisan support for expanding US-India relationship.

29(5). In a statement issued by the White House on May 26, US President Barack Obama congratulated PM and the new Indian government on its swearing-in on May 26; and added that the US looked forward to working closely with the new government to continue to strengthen and expand the US-India strategic partnership for years to come.

29(6). A House Resolution "Recognizing the Importance of the historic 2014 Indian Elections" was introduced on May 29 by Rep. Aaron Schock (R-IL). The resolution seeks to strengthen the strategic partnership in defense, trade, and security arenas and has bipartisan support.

29(7). The 11th meeting of US-India Science and Technology Endowment Board was held in Washington D.C. May 14.

29(8). India participated in the trilateral India-US-Japan Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief (HA/DR) tabletop exercise held in Honolulu from May 19-21.

29(9). 16th Indo-US Joint Technology Group Meeting was held in New Delhi on May 21-22.

29(10). In partnership with MEA, RIS organised an International Conference on Cross-Border Connectivity on May 12 in New Delhi, at which officials and academics from Japan, USA, Thailand, Myanmar, India, ADB, World Bank and others participated.

29(11). The US Embassy in Kabul condemned the attack on the Indian Consulate in Herat on May 23.

29(12). The House Foreign Affairs Sub Committee held a hearing on May 22 on "*Protecting Religious Freedom: U.S. efforts to hold accountable Countries of Particular Concern (CPC)*" in which references were made to India on its continued inclusion as a Tier-2 country in the US's 2014 annual report on Religious Freedom.

29(13). On May 2, Congresswoman Eleanor Norton (D-DC) introduced a Resolution in the House "condemning Dalit untouchability" and calling upon India, Nepal, other South Asian nations and the Asian diaspora to end all forms of untouchability, while urging the international community to put pressure on countries to end the practice.

29(14). US Ambassador to India Nancy Powell left India on May 22 upon retirement. Ms. Kathleen Stephens, former US Ambassador to the Republic of Korea would be Cd'A who would arrive on June 5.

30. **Zambia:** A 17-member delegation from the National Defence College (NDC), New Delhi led by Vice Admiral and Commandant, Sunil Lanba visited Zambia on study visit from 18th to 23rd May 2014.

31. **Consular Passport & Visas:** The 37 Passport Offices in India and the Headquarters (for Diplomatic/Official Passports only) received 7,22,096 passport service related applications and rendered 6,77,121 passport services to applicants across the country. The Passport Offices earned a revenue of Rs. 121,84,05,377/- for the exchequer in the said month.

31(1). Thirty Passport Melas were organised across the country by 15 Passport Offices at which 17,707 Passport service related applications were accepted for processing.

31(2). Passport Seva Camps were organised on three days at Karimnagar at which 340 Passport applications were accepted for processing.

31(3). Through the Common Services Centres network in the country, 2483 passport related services applications were filed online during the month.

31(4). As regards public grievances, a total of 421 grievances were received during May 2014 through CPGRAMS and 941 grievances were pending from previous month. Out of the total 1362, 474 grievances have been disposed of and 888 are under process for redressal.

32. **Foreign Service Institute(FSI):** Foreign Service Institute organized from 19-23 May 2014 a training module on Economic and Commercial Diplomacy; and, on 19 May 2014 a supplementary training module on Integrated Missions Accounting System (IMAS).

32(1). The officer trainees of the 2012 batch of the Indian Foreign Services called on the President on 24 May 2014 and the Vice President on 28 May 2014.

33. **Protocol:** During May 2014, 08 Heads of State/ Government from South Asia and Mauritius visited India to attend Swearing-in Ceremony of new Council of Ministers. Details are as given in the table below:

Incoming Visits

	Name	Date
1	H E Mr. Lyonchhen Tshering Tobgay, PM of Bhutan	May 25-28
2	Dr. The Hon Navinchandra Ramgoolam, PM of Mauritius	May 26-27
3	H E Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of Sri Lanka	May 26-27
4	H E Mian Muhammad Nawaj Sharif, PM of Pakistan	May 26-27
5	Rt Hon. Mr Sushil Koirala, PM of Nepal	May 26-28
6	H E Mr. Hamid Karzai, President of Afghanistan	May 26-27
7	H E Mr. Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom, President of Maldives	May 26-27
8	Hon Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, Speaker of Bangladesh	May 25-28

34. SAARC: For the first time, SAARC Heads of State and Government attended the swearing-in of Mr. Narendra Modi as Prime Minister of India on May 26. SAARC leaders that attended the ceremony were — Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai, Bhutan Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay, Nepal Prime Minister Sushil Koirala, Speaker of the Bangladesh National Parliament, Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhary, Maldivian President Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom, Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Sri Lanka President Mahinda Rajapaksa. Bilateral meetings were also held the next day of the swearing in between India and all the other SAARC countries.

34(1). 8th Informal Meeting of SAARC Finance Ministers was held in Astana, Kazakhstan on 3 May 2014. This meeting was held along the sidelines of the Annual General Meeting of the Asian Development Bank. The theme of the meeting was 'how regional cooperation can strengthen growth in South Asia.' Indian delegation led by Finance Minister and including Indian ambassador to Kazakhstan represented India in the meeting. A general discussion on the theme and the financial scenario in SAARC was held.

34(2). The ninth meeting of the Committee of Heads of University Grants Commission/ Equivalent Bodies of the SAARC Countries was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka on 12 – 13 May 2014. Prof. H. Devaraj, Vice Chairman of University Grants Commission participated from India. Consideration of matters relating to mutual recognition of professional degrees, achieving the goal of a common regional educational standard, quality assurance and accreditation mechanism, harmonization of the curriculum of individual Member States, SAARC Chairs, Fellowships, Scholarships Scheme. Consideration of matters relating to Open and Distance Learning in the Member States of SAARC were some of the important agenda items that were discussed.

34(3). SAARC Documentation Centre (SDC) in collaboration with National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources (NISCAIR) conducted Short Term Course on Information Technology for Information Management from 7 April 2014 to 9 May 2014 at SDC, New Delhi. Fifteen Participants from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka attended the training.

34(4). The Regional Consultation meeting to finalize the SAARC Youth Charter and Action Plan was held on 13-14 May 2014. The meeting had detailed discussions on Youth Charter and Action Plan by thematic areas: Enabling environment, Gender equality, Education and Skills Development, Employment and Health. The meeting also revised the text of SAARC Youth Charter and the draft SAARC Youth Action Plan 2014-2017 for consideration of the Member States.

34(5). The Seventh Meeting of the Inter-Governmental Expert Group (IGEG) on Financial Issues was held at the SAARC Secretariat on 20-21 May 2014. Review of progress on Public Debt Management, review of progress in the field of Development of Capital Markets in South Asia and the review of progress in SAARC- ADB studies on various topics were held. With regard to Draft SAARC Agreement on Promotion and Protection of investments, it was decided to revisit the entire text of the Draft Agreement as requested by India.

34(6). The Regional Policy Dialogue on Enhancing the Financial Sustainability and Effectiveness of Social Protection System in South Asia held on 21-23 May 2014 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The event is a response to the SAARC Social Charter's call for a "practical platform for concerted, coherent and complementary action in enhancing the equity and sustainability of social Programmes".

35. **United Nations Political:** The 17th Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement was held in Algiers, Algeria on 28-29 May, 2014. This was preceded by the preparatory meeting of the Senior Officials on 26-27 May, 2014. Shri Navtej Sarna, Special Secretary (IO&Pol) led the official Indian delegation. The theme of the conference was "Enhanced Solidarity for Peace and Prosperity". The outcome documents adopted at the Ministerial conference are The Algiers Declaration titled "Enhanced Solidarity for Peace and Prosperity"; Declaration on Nuclear Disarmament; Declaration on Information and Communication Technologies; Declaration on Palestine and the Final Document of the 17th Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement covering a wide range of international issues.

36(1). An Inter-Ministerial delegation led by Shri Vikas Swarup, JS (UNP) participated in the 16th Plenary Meeting of the Contact Group on Piracy Off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS) held on 14 May 2014 in New York. At the Plenary meeting, the delegation raised our concerns regarding redrawing of High Risk Area, proliferation of Private Maritime Security Companies (PMSCs), Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel (PCASP) on commercial ships in the vicinity of our territorial waters and securing early release of the 8 Indian hostages being held by Somali pirates.

37. Secretary (East), M.E.A. chaired (13 May) a meeting of Arab League Ambassadors and FICCI representatives, primarily to discuss the modalities of organizing the 4th India-Arab Partnership Conclave, scheduled for 26-27 November in New Delhi.

May, 2014

Name of Ministry / Department: Ministry of External Affairs

Annex-I

Compliance status of the decisions of the Cabinet/Cabinet Committees pending for implementation

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(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(vii)	(viii)	(ix)
1	1.12.2011; Proposal for reconstruction and repair of 49,000 houses for Internally Displaced Persons in Northern and Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka and for Indian Origin Tamils in Sri Lanka under grant assistance from the	Cabinet approved the proposals on 1.12.11 for (a) Owner driven model: Implementation of the housing project for IDPs in the Northern and Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka involving reconstruction and repairs of a total of 43,000 houses under Owner driven model at an estimated cost of INR 992 crores and (b) Agency driven model: Proposal for construction of maximum of 6,000	Not applicable	October 2015	Nil	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	(a) Four Implementing Agencies (IA's)- National Housing Development Authority (NHDA), Sri Lanka, Habitat for Humanity, Sri Lanka, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)-have been selected to execute

	Government of India	houses under the Agency driven model for IDPs in the Northern and Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka and for IOTs in the Central and Uva Provinces of Sri Lanka.						<p>the project on the owner-driven model.</p> <p>Project was launched in all five districts of Northern Province on 2.10.2012. The work in the Eastern Province started from May 22, 2013. As of May 31st, 2014 for new construction, the first instalment has been paid to 27,098 beneficiaries, second instalment to 20,637 beneficiaries; third instalment to 15,903 beneficiaries and the fourth instalment has been paid to 11,650 beneficiaries. For repairs, 189 beneficiaries have been paid the first instalment, 127 have been paid the second instalment and 44 beneficiaries have been paid the third and final instalment. The construction of 10,000 houses has been completed on target in 2013.</p> <p>The Monitoring</p>
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								<p>Committee comprising SS(DP, & AD) and AS(FA) paid a fourth visit to Sri Lanka from January 29-February 1, 2014 to oversee progress of the project. The Committee saw satisfactory progress in all aspects of the projects.</p> <p>(b) M/s WAPCOS has been selected as the PMC for the construction of 4000 houses in Central and Uva provinces following a two stage bid system. The land for construction to be provided by the Sri Lankan side, is yet to be confirmed.</p>
2.	23 rd August 2012; Proposal for extension of grant assistance of US\$ 200 million to Bangladesh	Cabinet Committee on Security approved the proposal contained in paragraph 6 of the Ministry's Note dated 7/8/2012 with the stipulation that the first instalment of US\$ 50 million be released from the existing budgetary allocation of the Ministry	Not Applicable	CFY 2014-15	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	<p>The first, second & Third instalments of US\$50 million have been released to Government of Bangladesh by High Commission of India, Dhaka on 20.02.2013, 8.5.2013 & 4.07.2013</p>

		of External Affairs						respectively. The fourth and final instalment of US\$ 50 million is proposed to be released in CFY if funds are made available.
3.	Date of the meeting: January 10, 2013. Subject: Reconstruction and Completion of Salma Dam Project (3X14 MW) in Afghanistan by M/s WAPCOS	The Cabinet considered and approved the proposal for the revised cost estimate of Rs. 1457.56 crores on January 2013.	NIL.	The project will be completed by January 2015.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	
4.	Date of meeting: January 17, 2013. Subject: Grant of 1000 annual scholarships to Afghan Students	The Cabinet considered and approved the proposal for incurring an expenditure of Rs. 492.55 crores for award of 1000 scholarships per annum to Afghan Students for pursuing University education in India in various courses for the period 2012-13 to 2020-21.	NIL.	2012-13 to 2020-21.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	

5.	Date of the meeting: November 8, 2012. Subject: Third Phase of Small Development Projects (SDP-III) in Afghanistan.	The Cabinet considered and approved the proposal for incurring an expenditure of US\$ 100 million for implementation of the Third Phase of the Small Development Projects (SDP-III) in Afghanistan	NIL.	The project will be completed by FY 2015-16.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.
6.	Date of the meeting: September 30, 2011. Subject: Construction of 220 KV D/C Transmission Line between Pul-e-Khumri to Kabul, 220/110/20 KV sub-station at Kabul and two additional sub-stations at Doshi and Charikar.	The Cabinet considered and approved the proposal for revised project cost of Rs.592.30 crores.	NIL.	The project was earlier envisaged to be completed by December 2013 but due to local security problems the project is expected to be completed by end-June 2014.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.

7.	Date of the meeting: November 6, 2008. Subject: Afghanistan Parliament Building Project.	The Cabinet considered and approved the proposal for construction of Afghan Parliament Building at a cost of Rs.710 crores. The stipulated time period for completion of project is 36 months.	NIL.	CPWD has conveyed that the likely date of completion of the project would be June 2015.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	<p>The project has been delayed due to the following reasons:</p> <p>1).Site for construction of the Afghan Parliament Building was handed over to CPWD after six month of approval of the Project.</p> <p>2).Lay out of the plan of the Building was approved after the lapse of considerable amount of time by the Afghan authorities.</p> <p>3).Afghan authorities approved the change of original Samangan</p>

								<p>nable by marble for cladding in October 2012 as availability and quality of Samangan marble was poor.</p> <p>4).Specification of Dome 'C' had to be changed at later stage on the request of Government of Afghanistan.</p>
8.	18 March 2013; Consideration of the Official Amendments to the Piracy Bill 2012.	The Cabinet approved MEA's proposal for introducing Official Amendments to the Piracy Bill 2012.	The Official Amendments to the Piracy Bill 2012 approved by the Cabinet was slated for consideration in the Lok Sabha since August 2012 but were not taken up due to a paucity of time.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	Fresh approval of the Cabinet will be obtained after installation of the new Cabinet.	The Official Amendments to the Piracy Bill 2012 approved by the Cabinet had been slated for consideration in the Lok Sabha since August 2012 but were not taken up due to paucity of time. Since the bill was not considered by Lok Sabha, the bill has lapsed. The Piracy Bill needs to be submitted afresh again for the approval of the new Cabinet.

9.	28.2.2014 Proposal for moving official amendments to the Nalanda University (Amendment) Bill, 2013 pending in Rajya Sabha	The proposal was approved by the Cabinet.	The official amendments could not be moved because the Parliament was prorogued for general elections.	Fresh approval will be sought from the new government some time in June 2014.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	Nil
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May, 2014

Annexure II

Name of Ministry / Department: **Ministry of External Affairs**

Compliance Status of the decisions of the Committee of Secretaries (COS) pending for implementation: Nil

S. No.		Date of the COS Meeting	Subject of the meeting	Decision of the COS	Action taken so far	Action to be taken	Constraints in implementation on, if any	Likely date for completing implementation	Remarks
(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(vii)	(viii)	(ix)	
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil



No.9637/FS/2014

18 July, 2014

**Subject: Summary of Important Developments concerning the
Ministry of External Affairs for June, 2014.**

Dear Cabinet Secretary

Highlights of important developments concerning the Ministry of External Affairs during the month of June 2014 are as below:

(I) Important policy decisions taken during the month:

(i) Indian Ambassador in Yerevan and Armenian Deputy Health Minister signed the MoU for cooperation in the field of Telemedicine in Yerevan. The MoU envisages India's assistance to provide one medical centre in Yerevan and telemedicine modern technical equipment in regional hospitals in nine other cities.

(ii) Indian Ambassador in Baku and Deputy FM of Azerbaijan signed in Baku the Protocols on Exchange of Instrument of Ratification of the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters and Extradition Treaty between India and Azerbaijan.

(iii) Following agreements were signed on 30 June 2014 during the visit of Vice President Shri M.Hamid Ansari to China:

- Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China on Cooperation on Industrial Parks in India
- Implementation Plan between the Central Water Commission, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Republic of India and the Bureau of Hydrology and Water Resources, Tibet Autonomous Region, People's Republic of China upon Provision of Hydrological Information of the Yarlung Zangbu/ Brahmaputra River in Flood Season by China to India.
- Memorandum Of Understanding Between Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy Of Administration, Republic Of India and China Executive Leadership Academy Pudong, People's Republic Of China Concerning Communication and Cooperation of Training in the area of Capacity Building of Public Officials.

(iv) Agreed Minutes of the 8th India-China Expert Level Mechanism Meeting on Trans-border Rivers were signed on 25 June 2014.

(v) In a press release dated 14 June, Ms Shelly Glover, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Language announced that the Audiovisual Co-production Treaty between India and Canada will enter into force on 1 July 2014.

(II) Important Policy matters under consideration, including proposals submitted to the SFC/EFC/Cabinet/cabinet Committees:

(i) **Creation of an Empowered Group of Secretaries for the {EGoS} for the GoI assisted projects abroad:** Ministry proposes to establish an Empowered Group of Secretaries to expedite internal administrative and financial approvals for development assistance projects abroad. In this regard, a draft note for Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs was prepared and comments were sought from the concerned Ministries. The final note, however, could not be submitted for consideration of the CCEA due to announcement of the date for elections. The Ministry proposes to move the proposal for consideration in the near future.

(ii) The MEA proposes to revise the terms and conditions of Line of Credit to make it more attractive to borrowing countries. The procedural aspects relating to award of contracts and project monitoring committees have been included in the revised draft. This is being finalized in consultation with Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance. In this connection a meeting was held with the Ministry of Finance on 21 March 2014 followed by another meeting on 30 April 2014.

(III) Important Policy matters held up due to prolonged Inter-Ministerial consultations/delays etc.: Nil

(IV) Any items pending in the Cabinet Secretariat: Nil

(V) Important Developments in areas like Export Performance, industrial production, price fluctuation and other events of public importance:

(i) *Shrivallabh Pittie Group* of India is establishing a large cotton Mill in Kombolcha (Amhara region) in Ethiopia with a total investment of US\$ 550 million (with US\$ 23 million loan from Development Bank of Ethiopia). The project will be completed in three phases with over 70% of the capital being invested in high-end machinery and construction of the mill in 50 hectare plot. The company aims to produce in Ethiopia and fully export to other countries like Germany, Turkey, Italy, Sweden and the US. This textile venture is expected to generate about 3,000 direct and 10,000 indirect job opportunities for Ethiopians.

(VI) Targets relating to key programmes/projects along with performance against the targets, during and upto, the month in respect of each programme/project: Nil

(VII) Compliance status of the decisions of the cabinet/cabinet committees pending for implementation along with: As per Annexure-I

(i) Reasons for non-implementation, if not implemented and likely date by which implementation would be complete;

(ii) Deviations, if any, from the decisions of cabinet/cabinet committees, with details such as nature of deviations, whether fresh approval of the cabinet/cabinet committees has been taken and whether the matter has been brought to the notice of the Minister-in-charge.

(VIII) Compliance Status of the decisions of the Committee of Secretaries(COS) pending for implementation and likely date by which implementation would be complete: As per Annexure II.

(IX) Particulars of cases in which there has been a departure from the transaction of business rules or established policy of the Government: Nil

(X) Any other important developments that the Secretary wants to bring to the notice of Cabinet Secretary/PMO: As per Annexure-III.

(xi) Whether any case of sanction for prosecution is pending in the Ministry/ Department for more than three months: Nil


Yours sincerely,


(Sujatha Singh)

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(Sujatha Singh)

June , 2014

Annex-I

Name of Ministry / Department: Ministry of External Affairs

Compliance status of the decisions of the Cabinet/Cabinet Committees pending for implementation

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								<p>to be completed by end 2014.</p> <p>The Monitoring Committee comprising SS(DPA & AD) and AS(FA) paid a fourth visit to Sri Lanka from January 29-February 1, 2014 to oversee progress of the project. The Committee saw satisfactory progress in all aspects of the projects.</p> <p>(b) M/s WAPCOS has been selected as the PMC for the construction of 4000 houses in Central and Uva provinces following a two stage bid system. The land for construction to be provided by the Sri Lankan side, is yet to be confirmed.</p>
2.	23 rd August 2012; Proposal for extension of grant assistance of US\$ 200 million to Bangladesh	Cabinet Committee on Security approved the proposal contained in paragraph 6 of the Ministry's Note dated 7/8/2012 with the stipulation that the first instalment of US\$ 50	Not Applicable	CFY 2014-15	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	<p>The first, second & Third instalments of US\$50 million have been released to Government of Bangladesh by High Commission of India, Dhaka on</p>

		million be released from the existing budgetary allocation of the Ministry of External Affairs						20.02.2013, 8.5.2013 & 4.07.2013 respectively. The fourth and final instalment of US\$ 50 million is proposed to be released in CFY if funds are made available.
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4.	Date of the meeting: January 17, 2013. Subject: Grant of 1000	The Cabinet considered and approved the proposal for incurring an expenditure of Rs. 492.55 crores for award of 1000 scholarships	NIL.	2012-13 to 2020-21.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	Total number of Afghan students presently studying in various Indian Universities/College s/Institutes under

	annual scholarships to Afghan Students.	per annum to Afghan Students for pursuing University education in India in various courses for the period 2012-13 to 2020-21.						the scheme: 2092 For academic year 2014-15, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), the implementing agency for the scholarship scheme, has received 1286 applications. These applications have been forwarded to three different Universities for under graduate and post graduate courses. Four hundred and eighty (480) admissions so far have been confirmed.
5.	Date of the meeting: November 8, 2012. Subject: Third Phase of Small Development Projects (SDP-III) in Afghanistan.	The Cabinet considered and approved the proposal for incurring an expenditure of US\$ 100 million for implementation of the Third Phase of the Small Development Projects (SDP-III) in Afghanistan	NIL.	The project will be completed by FY 2015-16.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	Sixty (60) projects have been approved under SDP Phase III at an estimated cost of US\$ 14.25 million in the fields of health, education and rural development. As per laid down procedures, Memorandum of Understanding

6.	Date of the meeting: September 30, 2011. Subject: Construction of 220 KV D/C Transmission Line between Pul-e-Khumri to Kabul, 220/110/20 KV sub-station at Kabul and two additional sub-stations at Doshi and Charikar.	The Cabinet considered and approved the proposal for revised project cost of Rs.592.30 crores.	NIL.	PGCIL has conveyed that likely date of completion of the project would be September 2014.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	The project was earlier envisaged to be completed by December 2013 but due to local security problems the project has been delayed.
7.	Date of the meeting: November 6, 2008. Subject: Afghanistan Parliament Building Project.	The Cabinet considered and approved the proposal for construction of Afghan Parliament Building at a cost of Rs.710 crores. The stipulated time period for completion of project is 36 months.	NIL.	CPWD has conveyed that the likely date of completion of the project would be June 2015.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	The project has been delayed due to the following reasons: 1) Site for construction of the Afghan Parliament Building was handed over to CPWD after six month of approval of the Project. 2) Lay out of the plan of the

Building was approved after the lapse of considerable amount of time by the Afghan authorities.

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4) Specification of Dome 'C' had to be changed at later stage on the request of Government of Afghanistan.

8.	18 March 2013; Consideration of the Official Amendments to the Piracy Bill 2012.	The Cabinet approved MEA's proposal for introducing Official Amendments to the Piracy Bill 2012.	The Official Amendments to the Piracy Bill 2012 approved by the Cabinet was slated for consideration in the Lok Sabha since August 2012 but were not taken up due to a paucity of time.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	EAM's approval has been obtained to re-initiate the process for consideration of the Piracy Bill in the current Parliament.	The Official Amendments to the Piracy Bill 2012 approved by the Cabinet had been slated for consideration in the Lok Sabha since August 2012 but were not taken up due to paucity of time. Since the bill was not considered by Lok Sabha, the bill has lapsed. The Piracy Bill needs to be submitted afresh for the approval of the Cabinet.
9.	13/02/2013 India-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement, 1974 and Protocol to the Land Boundary Agreement-1974	Approved	Constitution (119 th Amendment) Bill to implement the Land India-Bangladesh Boundary Agreement 1974 and its 2011 Protocol has been introduced in the Rajya Sabha in December 2013	The Bill is has been introduced in the Parliament.	---	---	---	---

	Government of India	Proposal for construction of maximum of 6,000 houses under the Agency driven model for IDPs in the Northern and Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka and for IOTs in the Central and Uva Provinces of Sri Lanka.				<p>selected to execute the project on the owner-driven model.</p> <p>Project was launched in all five districts of Northern Province on 2.10.2012. The work in the Eastern Province started from May 22, 2013. As of June 30st, 2014 for new construction, the first instalment has been paid to 31,160 beneficiaries, second instalment to 23,142 beneficiaries, third instalment to 17,233 beneficiaries and the fourth instalment has been paid to 12,328 beneficiaries. For repairs, 203 beneficiaries have been paid the first instalment, 136 have been paid the second instalment and 47 beneficiaries have been paid the third and final instalment. The construction of 10,000 houses has been completed on target in 2013. Another 16,000 houses are proposed</p>
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Ministry of External Affairs
Monthly Summary for the Cabinet

Important Developments during June 2014.

1. **Afghanistan:** On June 14, Afghanistan held the second round of its Presidential elections.
2. **Arab League:** JS (WANA), M.E.A. along with FICCI representatives, participated (23-24 June) in the 1st high-level preparatory meeting of the 4th Indo-Arab Partnership Conference held in Jordan. Many critical decisions regarding the Conference were adopted in the meeting. A visit was also undertaken to the Zaa'tri Syrian refugee camp on the Jordanian border to assess the situation. The camp houses 110,000 refugees.
3. **Australia:** INS Sahyadri paid a port call to Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia on 10-13 June 2014. This was the first visit of the Indian Navy Ship to Darwin since 1951. A commemorative function honouring Flying Officer Manmohan Singh of the Royal Indian Air Force, who was killed in action in WW II in an air raid of Broome (Australia) on 3 March 1942 was held on 12 June 2014 at Darwin Military Museum.
4. **Bangladesh:** EAM Smt. Sushma Swaraj visited Bangladesh from 23-25 June 2014. EAM called on the President and Prime Minister of Bangladesh and held extensive discussions with the Foreign Minister of Bangladesh. EAM also met the Leader of Opposition and the leaders of various political parties, representatives of Chambers of Commerce, socio-cultural organisations and academic and media community. During the visit, the two sides discussed bilateral, regional and multilateral issues of mutual interest and concern, including cooperation in border management, trade & investment, security, connectivity, power, infrastructure development etc. The visit was successful in further strengthening mutual understanding and bilateral cooperation.
 - 4(1). During the visit of EAM to Bangladesh from 23-24 June, 2014, India announced granting of 5 year Multiple-entry Tourist Visa to Bangladesh nationals below 13 years and above 65 years of age.
 - 4(2). India-Bangladesh Coastal Shipping talks were held on 24th June, 2014 at Dhaka, Bangladesh.
5. **Bhutan:** At the invitation of King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck of Bhutan, Prime Minister of the Republic of India paid a State Visit to Bhutan from 15-16 June, 2014. During the visit, Prime Minister met with the King of Bhutan, the Fourth King and the Prime Minister of Bhutan. Their discussions covered all areas of bilateral cooperation including trade, economic cooperation and cultural, educational exchanges. Prime Minister also addressed the Joint Sitting of the Bhutanese Parliament, unveiled the Foundation Stone of the 600 MW Kholongchhu Hydropower Project, and inaugurated the new Supreme Court building which was constructed with GOI assistance.

5(1). An India- Bhutan Joint Press Statement was issued. Prime Minister reaffirmed GOI's commitment towards Bhutan's XI Five Year Plan for 2013-18, announced the doubling of the Nehru- Wangchuck scholarship to Rs.2 crores per year and assistance for the establishment of E-library in all 20 districts of Bhutan. Prime Minister conveyed the GOI decision to exempt Bhutan from any ban or quantitative restrictions on exports of following items: - Milk powder, Wheat, Edible oil, Pulses and Non-basmati rice.

5(2). Prime Minister's visit to Bhutan further strengthened the close bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

5(3). 9th India-Bhutan meeting on Border Management and Security was held on 20 June 2014 in New Delhi. The Indian delegation was led by Secretary (Border Management), Ministry of Home Affairs and the Bhutanese delegation was led by Home Secretary. Both delegations inter-alia exchanged views on steps to counter activities of Indian Insurgent Groups in the border areas, sharing of intelligence, repair/re-erection of boundary pillars, training of Bhutanese security personnel and the difficulties faced by Indian tourists and workers while entering Bhutan.

6. Canada: On 9 May, Supreme Court of British Columbia ordered the extradition of Mrs. Malkit Kaur Sidhu and Mr. Surjit Singh Badesha to India, co-accused in a case of honour killing. They have appealed against their extradition.

6(1). Citizenship and Immigration Canada announced changes to the Intra-Company Transfer ("ICT") work permit category, applying under the Specialized Knowledge Labour Market Opinion (LMO) exemption category. The assessment criteria will now include a more rigorous definition of "specialized knowledge" as well as mandatory wage requirements.

6(2). PSLV-C23 launched on 30 June from Sriharikota successfully carried two Canadian satellites - CanX-4 and CanX-5 - developed by University of Toronto's Institute for Aerospace Studies Space Flight Laboratory.

7. Central Asia: During her visit to New Delhi, US Assistant Secretary of State Nisha Desai Biswal and JS (Eurasia) held discussions on Central Asia.

8. Fiji: The annual Pacific Island Countries/ Development Partners Meeting was held in Nadi (Fiji) on 23-24 June 2014. The meeting facilitated substantive dialogue between Pacific Island Forum Members and their Development Partners, Civil Society organisations and the Council of Regional Organisations of the Pacific (CROP) on issues and actions aimed to strengthen development coordination and cooperation. The Indian delegation was led by Shri Vinod Kumar, High Commissioner of India, Suva with participation from Southern Division and DPA.

9. France: Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development of France Laurent Fabius paid an official visit to India from 30 June-1 July 2014. During his meeting with EAM, the two sides discussed bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest. He paid a courtesy call on PM. He also met Defence & Finance Minister.

10. Georgia: The Gandhi Foundation Georgia (established in June 2014) organised in Tbilisi a seminar on Gandhiji's teachings of nonviolence, democracy and self-rule. Indian Ambassador accredited to Georgia (resident in Yerevan) attended the seminar.

10(1). The Best of India 2014 exhibition organized by ANM Corporation with over 50 Indian exporters was inaugurated in Tbilisi jointly by Indian Ambassador to Georgia and Director of Asia, Africa, Pacific Department in Georgian MFA. Indian products such as garments, handicrafts, household furniture, precious stones, silver and fashion jewellery, etc. were on display.

11. Israel: Defence Secretary visited Israel (29-30 Jun) for the 11th JWG meeting on defence cooperation. Report of the visit is awaited from MOD.

12. Italy: EAM received congratulatory telephone calls from the Foreign Minister of Italy Federica Mogherini on 3 June 2014 and Foreign Minister of Spain Jose Manuel Garcia-Margallo on 13 June 2014.

13. Jordan: A 12-member business delegation from Engineering Export Promotion Council India participated in the 11th International Machine and Electro-mechanical Exhibition held (02-05 June) in Jordan.

14. Kenya: 36 Indian nationals were reported to be stranded in Nairobi. They were sent to Kenya by a manpower recruitment agency in Chennai, M/s Priyanka Tours and Travels. They were sent out of India with a promise to secure them jobs in Seychelles. However, on reaching Nairobi, they were unable to travel further. The High Commission of India in Nairobi is working on their repatriation to India.

15. Kuwait: The third meeting of the Joint Working Group on Hydrocarbon between India and Kuwait was held on 24-25 June 2014 in Kuwait. Both side discussed issues related to Kuwaiti investment in Indian oil sector and long-term supply of crude oil to India.

15(1). The 4th JWG on Labour between India and Kuwait was held on 16 June 2014 in Kuwait.

16. Kyrgyzstan: Samargul Adamkulova presented credentials to President on her appointment as the next Ambassador of Krygyz Republic to India.

17. Lesotho: Lesotho's Home Minister, Joang Felix Molapo, accompanied by a 5-member delegation, visited India during 21-25 June 2014. The delegation was here to study the Upgrading of National Identity Cards Register and Immigration Systems.

18. Libya: A Libyan police delegation visited (02-06 June) New Delhi to explore possibilities of training their police personnel in India, during which they met with senior officials in MHA and visited a number of police training facilities.

19. Madagascar: The President of Madagascar announced lifting of the suspension of the licences for mining exploration during the inauguration of a 3-day Mining Resources Exhibition in Madagascar in early June. He invited international investors to meet the

mining parameters and efficiently contribute to development of the economy of Madagascar under the framework of a "win-win partnership".

20. Malawi : Prof. Peter Mutharika, who is the brother of the former President Dr. Bingu Wa Mutharika, was declared winner of the presidential poll and was sworn in on May 31, 2014. Soon after being sworn in, the new president said that Malawi is now looking for new friends in emerging economies such Brazil, China, **India**, South Africa and Russia, which some local observers saw as a turn away from the country's traditional Western donors.

21. Mozambique: A delegation of Government of Mozambique led by Director, Ministry of Energy visited India from 10 to 14 June 2014 for discussions with Exim Bank and MEA officials regarding the Line of Credit of US \$ 250 Million for Electrification projects regarding the tendering process for Distribution part of the Project of US \$ 106.99 Million and awarding of the contract for this work.

21(1). A high powered delegation led by Chairman of SAIL and ICVL, comprising 6 other members, including JS (Ministry of Steel), CMD (RIML), CMD (NMDC) and CEO (IVCL) visited Mozambique from **23-25 June**. In Maputo on 23 June, they met with the Minister of Mineral Resources, before travelling to Beira and Tete on 24 June. They discussed the ICVL's investment in Mozambique in coal sector and bid for Rio Tinto's coal assets in Mozambique.

22. Myanmar: Technical level talks for the Operationalisation of proposed Bus Service between Imphal, India and Mandalay, Myanmar were held in Nay Pyi Taw Myanmar on June 13, 2014. The draft MOU for the Bus Service and the Protocol to the MOU were initialled during the meeting.

23. Namibia: Dr. Sam Nujoma, the Founding President of the Namibian Republic and Chancellor of the University of Namibia, officially inaugurated *India Wing*, the building, accommodating the twin Faculties of Mining Engineering and Information Technology, as well as the Library, in Northern Campus of University of Namibia (UNAM) at Ongwediva on 3rd June, 2014. Indian government had donated an amount of US\$12.13 millions to UNAM through the Namibian Government for constructing the building.

24. Nepal: The Chief of Army Staff of Nepal (CoAS), General Gaurav Shumsher Rana, came to India on a five day official visit, from 9 to 13 June, 2014. During the visit, he met General Bikram Singh, India's COAS and other high-ranking officers of the Indian Army. He also inspected the concluding ceremony of the Officers' Training Course at the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun as the Chief Reviewing Officer.

25. Netherlands: India-Netherlands Foreign Office Consultations were held on 11 June 2014 in New Delhi. Secretary (West) led the GoI delegation. The Dutch delegation was led by Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Renee Jones-Bos. The two sides discussed progress in bilateral relations across a wide range of sectors.

26. Nigeria: A 7-member delegation from the Nigerian Senate Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution & Electoral Act of 2011 was on an official visit to New Delhi from 21-26 June 2014. The Nigerian Senators (MPs) had an extensive meeting with the

Election Commission including Chief Election Commissioner Shri V.S. Sampath and Election Commissioner Dr. Nasim Zaidi to get a detailed briefing on the recently concluded General Elections in India and electoral practices in general. The delegation also called on MOS for External Affairs who hosted a lunch in their honour.

27. Oman: Mr. Yousuf bin Alawi bin Abdullah, Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs, Sultanate of Oman paid an official visit to India during 3-4 June 2014 to congratulate our new Government. During his visit he met EAM and discussed bilateral issues of mutual importance. He also paid a courtesy call on PM during the visit.

28. Pakistan: Mr. S.M. Munir, Chairman, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) visited India on 15-18 June 2014. Mr. Munir called on Minister of State for Commerce and Industry (Independent Charge) on 18 June 2014.

29. Qatar: The second FOC was held on 5 June 2014 in New Delhi. Mr. Mohammed bin Abdullah bin Mutib Al Rumaihi, Assistant Minister incharge of Asia in Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Qatar led the Qatari delegation and Shri Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East) headed the Indian delegation. During his visit, Assistant Minister paid a courtesy call on EAM.

30. Russia: Foreign Minister Lavrov called EAM to express gratitude for airlifting injured Russian nationals from Dehradun to New Delhi for treatment. The Russian nationals were injured after a tourist bus in which they were travelling fell into the Bhagirathi River in Uttarakhand (June 10), killing two and severely injuring seven others. The Ministers also touched upon the schedule of upcoming Russia-India contacts.

30(1). Russian Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin visited New Delhi to make contact with the new Government in India. During his stay, he held talks with EAM and also met PM, Defence Minister and the NSA. He attended the award ceremony to honour BJP leader Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, with Russia's highest honour to a foreign national, the 'Order of Friendship'.

30(2). The Defence Secretary-level India-Russia High Level Monitoring meeting was held in New Delhi in which the two sides reviewed defence ties.

30(3). Union Minister of State (I/C) of Petroleum and Natural Gas Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, visited Moscow in connection with the 21st World Petroleum Congress (WPC). He was accompanied by senior government officials and top management of major Indian oil and gas companies like ONGC, ONGC Videsh Limited, Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Oil India Limited, Hindustan Petroleum, Bharat Petroleum, and Petronet LNG. He had a bilateral meeting with the Russian Minister of Energy Alexander Novak to explore opportunities for cooperation.

30(4). Finance Ministry represented India at the Forum in Moscow, organized by the SCO Secretariat in collaboration with the UNDP and the Russian Ministry of Economic Development

30(5). Chief Justice of India, Shri R.M. Lodha, participated in the 4th International Legal Forum held in St. Petersburg.

30(6). Deputy NSA, Shri Nechal Sandhu, led the Indian delegation to 5th International meeting of high-ranking officials responsible for security matters in Kazan, Tatarstan. On the sidelines, he met the Russian Deputy Secretary of Security Council and also the Heads of Delegation of China, Afghanistan and Iran.

31.Somalia: Aman Sharma, an Indian seafarer abducted from MV Albedo, and held hostage by Somali pirates since 26 Nov 2010 was released on 06-07 June, and was flown in to Mumbai on 11 June. UN Office on Drugs and Crime was the key body in facilitating the negotiations. The GoI Inter-Ministerial Group was kept fully apprised of the developments. HCI, Nairobi provided full facilitation in terms of medical check-ups and travel arrangements.

32. South Africa: Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan accompanied by a high-level delegation including businessmen visited South Africa from 7 June 2014 to promote MP's Global Investors Summit 2014.

33. Sudan: Irfan Jaffrey, an Indian techie abducted (11 Mar) from Al Fasher in Darfur region, was released on 12 June through negotiations conducted by the Sudanese govt and UN Mission in Darfur. EOJ, Khartoum remained in constant contact with all parties, including Jaffrey's employer M/s Trigyn Technologies and family members.

34. Thailand: Thai Chief of Defence Forces Gen. Thanasak Patimaprakorn visited Agra and New Delhi for bilateral discussions on strengthening bilateral defence ties with Chief of Staff Gen Bikram Singh. He also called on RM and met with Secretary (East) for discussions on bilateral issues.

35. United States: US Cd'A Ambassador (Retired) Dorris Kathleen Stephens arrived in New Delhi on 5 June.

35(1). US Trade Representative Michael Froman spoke to MoS (I/C) Commerce Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman on telephone on 5 June. Both sides agreed to hold the Trade Policy Forum this fall and to meet on the sidelines of the G-20 Trade Ministers meeting in Sydney in July.

35(2). US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia Nisha Desai Biswal, accompanied by Deputy Assistant Secretary Atul Keshap, visited New Delhi from 6-9 June. She called on Foreign Secretary.

35(3). A business delegation led by USIBC Chairman Mr. Ajay Banga visited New Delhi during June 24-26 and Mumbai on 27 June. The delegation called on PM, FM, EAM and MoS (Commerce) amongst others.

35(4). Minister of Health & Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan led a delegation to the US from June 25-28. He attended "Call to Action" meeting of Global Health Forum at Washington DC on 25 June; had discussions with Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Atlanta on 26-27 June; and attended the AAPI Annual Convention at San Antonio on 28 June.

35(5). Dr. M.A. Atmanand, Director of National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) represented GoI at the first "Our Ocean" International Oceans Conference in Washington D.C. on 16-17 June hosted by US Secretary of State John Kerry.

35(6). Congressman ED ROYCE (R-CA), Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Congressman GEORGE HOLDING (R-NC) wrote a letter to House Speaker JOHN BOEHNER (R-OH) on June 20, requesting for an address by Prime Minister of India to joint meeting of Congress, during his visit to the US.

35(7). India continued to remain in Tier 2 (under countries whose governments do not fully comply with the TVPA's minimum standards but are making significant efforts to bring themselves into compliance with those standards) in the 2014 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report released on 20 June.

36.Vietnam: A 5 member delegation from CBI visited Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City for conducting a training programme on investigation of money laundering and organized crime for Vietnamese police officials.

36(1). The first meeting of the Experts' Working Group (EWG) on Humanitarian Mine Actions, under the cooperative framework of the ASEAN Defense Ministers' Meeting (ADMM+) Plus, was held in Hanoi on 18 June, co-chaired by JS (PIC), MOD from India and her counterpart from Vietnam. On the sidelines, the delegation also held the Defence JWG meeting with the Vietnam and called on Vice Minister of Defence Nguyen Chi Vinh.

36(2). A 3-member team of Drug Regulators from India led by Dr. S.Eswara Reddy, Deputy Drug Controller of India visited Hanoi on 26-28 June 2014 and met Dr. Truong Quoc Cuong, Director General of the Drug Administration of Vietnam to discuss various issues including supply of alleged substandard drugs by Indian pharmaceutical companies and measures to enhance and establish cooperation mechanism between drug regulators from both countries.

37. Consular Passport & Visas: EAM Smt. Sushma Swaraj inaugurated the Passport Officers' Conference organised by CPV Division on 23-25 June, 2014 at the Jawahar Lal Nehru Bhavan. Thirty seven Passport Officers and a representative of Andaman & Nicobar Administration, participated in the Conference aimed at improving passport service delivery, speed, reliability, security and transparency.

37(1). The occasion also marked commemoration of 'Passport Seva Divas' on the 24th June as the day the Passports Act, 1967 was enacted. The Act lays down the foundation of a sound legal framework for issuance of Passports and other travel documents in India. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister impressed upon the Passport Issuing Authorities to serve the public with courtesy, empathy, selflessness and humility in the true spirit of 'Seva'.

37(2). The Minister, in recognition of the outstanding services rendered to citizens, gave away Passport Seva Puraskars to the best performing Passport Offices and the personnel of the Service Provider. Police verification, being a critical component of passport issuance, awards were also given away to the Police Departments of Delhi, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana to recognise their efforts in speedy police clearances.

37(3). The Conference concluded with a motivational programme aimed at improving efficiency and efficacy of Passport Issuing Authorities.

37(4). The 37 Passport Offices in India and the Headquarters (for Diplomatic/Official Passports only) received 7,09,652 passport service related applications and rendered 3,13,700 passport services to applicants across the country. The gap in services rendered was caused due to non-supply of passport booklets by the India Security Press, Nashik. The Passport Offices earned a revenue of Rs. 121,06,19,524/- for the exchequer in the said month.

37(5). Nine Passport Melas were organised across the country by 6 Passport Offices at which 6,280 Passport service related applications were accepted for processing.

37(6). Passport Seva Camps were organised on two days at Karimnagar at which 241 Passport applications were accepted for processing.

37(7). Through the Common Services Centres network in the country, 2673 passport related services applications were filed online during the month."

37(8). As regards public grievances, a total of 587 grievances were received during June 2014 through CPGRAMS and 892 grievances were pending from previous month. Out of the total 1479, 608 grievances have been disposed of and 871 are under process for redressal.

37(9). In pursuance of the Government's directive, a '*Shramdaan*' drive was undertaken by all the Passport Offices in India on Saturday the 28th June, 2014 in order to clean up work spaces and weed out old and redundant records.

38. Energy Security: International Energy Agency, had organized the 68th Meeting on Committee on Energy Research and Technology (CERT) and the Meeting of Standing Group on Long Term Co-operation (SLT) in Paris during June 2-3, 2014 followed by a joint workshop on CERT/SLT. India participated in all the meetings as an Observer. Indian delegation was led by Joint Secretary (ES & ITP). The meeting gave insights to the IEA's publications on their flagship publications on world energy outlooks, medium term outlooks on oil and gas, energy efficiency technologies, energy technology roadmaps and perspectives.

38(1). The Seventh Meeting of the Council of International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) Council was held at Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates during June 2-3, 2014. India is a member of IRENA. India was elected as Vice-Chair of the Seventh Council with Uruguay as the Chair. The meeting discussed the contribution of IRENA towards the promotion of renewable energy, renewal energy power evacuation, publications of IRENA on global renewable energy scenario and selection of Director-General of IRENA for the period 2015-19. India was elected as Vice-Chair of the 8th Council Meeting which will be held on November 3-4 at Abu Dhabi. Ambassador of India to UAE, Abu Dhabi has been accredited as the Permanent Representative of India to IRENA. Director (ES) participated in this meeting as a representative of Ministry of External Affairs.

38(2). The First Meeting of the High Level Group of Shanghai Cooperation Organization(SCO) Energy Club was held at Astana on June 6, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Kazakhstan. The Energy Club was formed during December 2013 after the signing of MoU on creation of Energy Club by members, observers and dialogue partners of SCO. Indian delegation was led by Director(Energy Security), MEA. During this meeting, members exchanged views on prospects for the development and use of renewable energy, efficient use of water and energy resources and energy efficiency in the railway sector.

38(3). The 9th Meeting of Policy Committee of International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation(IPEEC-Po-Co9) was held in Mexico on 16-17 June 2014. India is a member of IPEEC, a group of 16 countries. The Indian delegation was led by Director General, Bureau of Energy Efficiency. JS(ES&ITP), M.E.A. was a member of Indian delegation. The meeting discussed key developments in the energy efficiency sector in member countries. Through this form, members learn about the best practises followed in the field of energy efficiency in member countries

39. Foreign Service Institute(FSI): Following training modules were organized by FSI during June 2014 month: 1) on protocol issues, 2-6 June, 2014 (50 officials attended) 2) providing an overview of functioning of MEA, 9-13 June, 2014 (52 officials attended) 3) international component of Mid Career Training Program Phase-II for directors of 1997 and 1998 batches, at Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Boston, USA, 22-28 Jun 2014 (27 directors attended)

40. Multilateral Economic Relations: 4th Bi -Annual meeting of CSO took place in Phuket, Thailand on 19-20 June 2014. The Indian delegation was led by Ms Sujata Mehta, Secretary (ER & DPA). The meeting, *inter alia*, discussed the agenda and programme for the 14th meeting of Council of Ministers (COM) of IORA that is scheduled to be held on 9 October 2014 in Perth, Australia under Australia's Chairmanship. The CSO recommendations include: second term of office for present Secretary General, IORA (Shri K V Bhagirath- an Indian national); enhancement of the annual contribution to IORA to \$ 24,000 from \$ 16,500; South Africa's offer to assume Vice Chair of IORA from Indonesia in 2016; and pursuing reciprocal observer status at the UNGA, UN specialised agencies and regional bodies.

41. Protocol: During June 2014, Protocol Division handled 07 incoming/outgoing VVIP/VIP visits at the level of Vice President /Head of Government/Foreign Minister. 05 Diplomatic Heads of Mission presented their credentials during period June 2014. Details are given below:

Incoming Visits – June 2014

1	Foreign Minister of Oman	3-4 June
2	Foreign Minister of China	8-10 June
3	Deputy Prime Minister of Russian Federation	18-19 June
4	Foreign Minister of France	June 29 – July 2

5	Foreign Minister of Singapore	June 30 – July 5
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Outgoing Visits – June 2014

1	Prime Minister to Bhutan	15-16 June
2	Vice President to China	26-30 June

The following HOMs presented their credentials to the President of India on 10th June, 2014 at Rastrapati Bhawan :

(i) Macedonia – Mr. Toni Atanasovski, Ambassador; (ii) New Zealand - Mr. Grahame Morton, High Commissioner, (iii) Costa Rica -Mr. Ubaldo Garcia Ruiz, Ambassador. (iv) Bulgaria - Mr. Petko Kolev Doykov, Ambassador (v) Kyrgyz Republic –Mrs. Samargiul Adamkulova, Ambassador.

42. SAARC: Second Meeting of the Expert Group on Renewable Energy was convened in Islamabad on 11-12 June 2014. Officers from the Ministry of New and Renewable energy participated from India. Terms of Reference for the Expert Group and status of implementation of the Work Plan that was finalized during the First Meeting of the Expert Group were considered. The Terms of reference were related to the studying of the status of Renewable Energy projects in the member countries, to identify the areas and ways of means of implementing renewable energy projects and to suggest the way forward in regional cooperation in the renewable energy field. The work plan was updated, based on which concept papers of SEC(SAARC Energy Centre), AEDB(Alternate Energy Development Board) and Bangladesh were discussed and deliberated upon. Presentations pertaining to the field of renewable energy were also given by the SEC, the delegate from India and the delegate from Bangladesh.

42(1). The Sixth Meeting of Heads of SAARC Statistical Organisations (SAARCSTAT) was held in Kathmandu on 12-13 June 2014. Officers of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation participated from India. SAARCSTAT website was launched officially in the Meeting. Agriculture and Agricultural Statistics was the Theme of the Meeting. Delegates exchanged views on extent of agricultural statistics in the respective Member States. The presentations were made by the delegates from India, Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka. The various discussions that took place included those on ‘Project on Concepts, Definitions and Standards of Health Statistics for the SAARC region’, ‘SAARC Study on Collection of Data on Trade in Services’ and ‘SAARC Forum for Disability Statistics’. The theme of the next meeting, to be held in Sri Lanka will be “Educational Statistics”.

42(2). A preparatory meeting was held in Afghanistan on 16-22 June 2014, where three officers from the SAARC Cultural centre (SCC) visited Officials of the Central and Provincial Government in Afghanistan and discussed facilities/ arrangements with regard to celebrating Bamiyan as the SAARC Cultural Capital for 2015. Bamiyan was well known for the two colossal statues of Lord Buddha that were carved 4000 feet apart during the fifth century CE. One of them was the world’s tallest standing statue of Lord Buddha. In 2001, this was destroyed by the Taliban. The status of ‘SAARC Cultural

Capital 2015' will provide Bamiyan an opportunity to generate considerable cultural, social and economic benefits and it can help in fostering urban regeneration, boosting the city's image and raising its visibility and profile on a regional and international scale.

42(3). SAARC-PTB Third Coordination Meeting on Regional Cooperation in Metrology was held in New Delhi on 25-26 June 2014 with financial and technical assistance of PTB, Berlin. It was hosted by the National Physical Laboratory of India (NPLI), New Delhi. The Meeting provided a forum for a mutual update on developments in metrology on national and regional level and for a discussion of the progress made since the last coordination meeting in April 2013. It also reviewed and updated the activities and coordination mechanisms in metrology for the coming project year. The Fourth SAARC-PTB Coordination Meeting on Regional Cooperation in Metrology will be held in Colombo to be hosted by Measurement Units, Standards and Services Department (MUSSD), Sri Lanka.

42(4). Expert consultation on Identification of Rice Varieties Tolerant to Abiotic Stresses was held in SAARC Agriculture Centre, Dhaka from 10-11 June, 2014. An officer from the Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack attended the meeting. Identification of tolerant rice varieties in different countries and joint testing were some of the issues discussed.

43. Shanghai Cooperation Organization : Director (Energy Security), MEA attended the first SCO Energy Club Meeting held in Astana.

44. Serbia, Bosnia & Herzegovina & Croatia have been hit by the worst ever floods in the history of the region. Catastrophic floods in these countries caused the tragic loss of lives and damage to property. Financial assistance of US\$ 100,000 each has been extended to Serbia and Bosnia & Herzegovina and an assistance of US \$ 10,000 has been extended to Croatia as disaster relief, in response to their request for seeking assistance.

45. IAFS Decisions: (a) An MOU between GoI and the Govt. of Uganda for setting up of a Food Processing Business Incubation Centre in Uganda was signed on 12th June 2014. This is a project under IAFS-II. The MOU was signed by our High Commissioner to Uganda on behalf of GoI.
