

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:303  
ANSWERED ON:22.07.2003  
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT  
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Deputy Prime Minister's visited the United States and the U.K. in the month of June, 2003;
- (b) if so, the particulars of the Government officials who accompanied him on his tour to the US and UK;
- (c) the expenditure incurred by the Government on them and their spouses during the tour of US and UK?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The official delegation accompanying the Deputy Prime Minister consisted of the following, excluding the security team:

- i) Shri N. Gopaldaswami, Home Secretary
- ii) Shri K.P. Singh, Director, Intelligence Bureau
- iii) Shri Ajay Prasad, OSD to DPM
- iv) Shri Deepak Chopra, PS to DPM
- v) Shri Jayant Prasad, JS, MEA {for visit to USA}
- vi) Smt. Bhaswati Mukherjee, JS, MEA {for visit to UK}

(c): A sum of Rs.13.95 lakhs approximately for air travel and US \$4500 on account of Daily allowance in accordance with the entitlement of these officials has been incurred. Further, the delegation was sanctioned accommodations, Airport tax and incidentals as per their entitlement. Since, Government has not sanctioned any expenditure on the spouses of these officials, the question of incurring any expenditure by the Government on them does not arise.