

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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GUIDELINES FOR FOREIGN TRAVELS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently issued new guidelines for foreign travels by ministers and officers; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of External Affairs recently updated and reissued its standard guidelines relating to provision of protocol courtesies by Indian Missions/Posts abroad to visiting Indian dignitaries, delegations and officials.

The Ministry has also written to other central and state government departments suggesting ways to facilitate expeditious political clearance by MEA of visits abroad by official dignitaries and delegations.