

**QUESTION DETAILS**

MINISTRY OF : EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**RAJYA SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 660

TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.06.2019

Visit of Prime Minister to Sri Lanka and Maldives

660. Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Prime Minister recently visited Sri Lanka and Maldives;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including bilateral agreements signed with each of the above countries;
- (c) whether the Prime Minister has also invited President/Prime Ministers of Sri Lanka and Maldives to India;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Prime Minister has discussed with Sri Lanka the issues related with the BIMSTEC; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) to (f) Yes. Prime Minister visited Maldives on 8-9 June 2019. Six agreements in the areas of white shipping, hydrography, health cooperation, ferry and cargo services and cooperation in capacity building in customs and civil service were signed with Maldives. Prime Minister also visited Sri Lanka on 9 June 2019. The purpose of the visit was to convey the solidarity of India with Sri Lanka in the aftermath of terror attacks. Discussions were held to further strengthen the bilateral relationship.

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