

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.966
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.03.2017

BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH PORTUGAL

966. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has entered into bilateral agreements with Portugal during the visit of Portuguese President to Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of bilateral agreements entered into for mutual cooperation?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (c) Yes. Seven Government-to-Government MoUs were signed during the visit of Portuguese Prime Minister to India in January 2017 in the areas of renewable energy; marine research and resources; defence; agriculture and allied sectors; information technology and electronics; agreement on exemption of visa for holders of diplomatic passports and establishment of ICCR Chair in Lisbon University. The details of the MoUs are:

- (i) Renewable Energy: The MoU aims to promote innovative technologies and exchange of expert training programme, technical visits etc.
- (ii) Marine Research and Resources: The MoU enhances cooperation in areas of oceanography, marine ecology, technical and scientific development of aquaculture, bio-geo chemistry and ocean acidification;
- (iii) Defence: The MoU envisages defence cooperation; high level visits; working level education and training exchanges;
- (iv) Agriculture and Allied Sectors: The MoU aims to exchange scientific and technical information, organizing training programmes, promote agricultural trade including market access of agricultural products;
- (v) Information Technology and Electronics: The MoU promotes cooperation in areas of IT& Electronics through specific projects between public and private sector institutions;
- (vi) Agreement on Exemption of Visa for Holders of Diplomatic Passports: MoU allows visa free travel for diplomatic passport holders of India and Portugal in each other's country for short term visit; and
- (vii) Establishment of ICCR Chair in Lisbon University
