

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2018

MOUs WITH JORDAN

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of agreements/MoUs signed with Jordanian Kingdom during the recent visit of the King of Jordan to New Delhi;
- (b) whether any collaboration of IIT Delhi with Jordan technical institutes has been explored and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of regional and international issues of mutual interest discussed with Jordan?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI M. J. AKBAR)

(a) The details of Agreements/MoUs signed between India and Jordan during the visit of the King of Jordan to New Delhi (27 February-01 March, 2018) is as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the Agreement/ MoU	Details
1	MoU between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on Defence Cooperation	Purpose of the MoU is to promote cooperation between India and Jordan in the field of Defence by defining the scope of such cooperation and making provisions for implementation of the cooperation in some of the recognized areas like training; defence industry; cyber security; peace-keeping etc.
2	Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on Exemption from Visa requirement for holders of diplomatic and official passports	This Agreement provides for permitting the diplomats and Official passport holders of India and Jordan to enter into, exit and transit through the territory of each other without requirement of visa.
3	Cultural Exchange Programme	This programme for the period 2018-

	between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for the years 2018-22	2022 provides for exchanges between India and Jordan in the areas of music and dance; theatre; exhibition, seminars and conference; archaeology; archives, library, museum, literature, research and documentation; Science museums; festivals; mass media, and; youth programs.
4	MoU between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on cooperation in the field of Manpower	This MoU provides for cooperation between India and Jordan with a view to promote best practices in the administration of the cycle of contract employment of the Indian nationals in Jordan.
5	MoU between the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Health of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on cooperation in the field of Health and Medical Science	The objective of this MoU is to establish and encourage cooperation in the fields of health, medical science, medical education and research on the basis of equality and mutual benefits in accordance with respective legislations and regulations of India and Jordan. The various recognized areas of mutual cooperation include Universal Health Coverage (UHC); Services and IT in Health; Health Research; National Health Statistics; Diagnosis, Treatment and Medication of TB, and; Regulation of Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices etc.
6	MoU between the Government of the Republic of India and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for setting up of next generation Centre of Excellence (COE) in Jordan	Purpose is to set up next generation Centre of Excellence (COE) in Jordan for training of minimum 3000 Jordanian IT professionals over a period of 5 years, and setting up of resource centre in India for Training of Master trainers in IT field from Jordan.
7	MoU between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on proposed mining and beneficiation of Rock Phosphate, MOP in Jordan setting up production facility in Jordan for Phosphoric Acid/DAP/NPK Fertilizers with a long term agreement for 100% take to India	The purpose of the MoU is mining and beneficiation of rock phosphate and setting up of production facility in Jordan for Phosphoric acid/DAP/NPK fertilizers, with a long term agreement for 100% off-take to India. Such an MoU ensures long term and sustained supply of rock phosphates to India.

8	Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters	This Agreement provides for mutual assistance between India and Jordan to ensure proper application of the customs legislations in the two countries to prevent custom offences and for smooth exchange of accurate information regarding custom duties, taxes, fees and other charges levied by custom administration.
9	Twinning Agreement between Agra-Taj Mahal and Petra City	By this Agreement, the two municipalities of Agra and Petra pronounced to work jointly for promotion of social relations by identifying the activities for mutual cooperation in tourism, culture, sports and economic sectors.
10	MoU between Jordan Media Institute (JMI) and Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC)	The purpose of this MoU is development of joint projects between the two institutes; joint organization of academic and scientific activities, and; exchange of staff, students and materials of common interest.
11	MoU between Prasar Bharati, India and Jordan Radio and Television Corporation	This MoU provides for cooperation between Prasar Bharati and Jordan Radio and TV Corporation to cooperate in the fields of exchange and co-production of programs, training of personnel and further coordination.
12	MoU between Indian Council for Cultural Relations and the University of Jordan on the establishment of the ICCR Professor for Hindi language	This MoU lays down the basis and other conditions for cooperation between ICCR and UJ in establishment and functioning of the ICCR Chair for Hindi language in UJ.

(b) Yes. During the visit of the Jordanian King to India, an MoU for academic cooperation between Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi and Al Hussein Technical University has been signed on March 01, 2018. Through this MoU, the two institutions agreed to establish a programme for academic cooperation in the areas of mutual interest, which includes exchange of information on research, educational programmes, teaching, learning material and other literature, jointly organized short term courses, seminars, conferences, to engage in research and training programme and exchange of faculty and students.

(c) The regional and international issues of mutual interest that were discussed between the two leaders include Middle East Peace Process, PM's visit to Palestine in February 2018, UN Security Council (UNSC) reforms and issue of terrorism.
