

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3285
ANSWERED ON- 21/08/2025

STATE VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TO MALDIVES

3285. SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN

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

- (a) whether Prime Minister was on a State visit of Maldives recently and if so, details thereof;
- (b) the key outcomes and agreements reached/signed between two nation during said visit;
- (c) the manner in which these outcomes or agreements are expected to strengthen bilateral relations between two neighbouring nations;
- (d) whether Government has also announced any initiatives for enhancing cooperation in areas such as security, trade, tourism and climate change with Maldives and if so, details thereof; and
- (e) whether Government has prepared any roadmap for implementation of the agreements signed during Prime Minister's visit to Maldives and if so, details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a to e) At the invitation of the President of Maldives, the Prime Minister of India undertook a State Visit to Maldives from 25-26 July to attend the celebrations of the 60th anniversary of independence of Maldives.

During the State Visit, the two leaders witnessed exchange of agreements on extension of a Line of Credit of INR 4,850 crores from India to Maldives, reduction of annual debt repayment obligations of Maldives on GoI funded LoCs, terms of reference of the India-Maldives Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and several MoUs/technical agreement on cooperation with Maldives in the fields of fisheries & aquaculture, meteorology, digital transformation, Indian Pharmacopoeia and Unified Payments Interface (UPI). During the visit, the India-Maldives FTA negotiations were launched and several development projects, implemented with GoI's assistance in Maldives, were also handed over.

As 2025 also marks 60 years of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Maldives, both leaders also jointly issued commemorative stamp to mark the occasion.

India-Maldives relations are guided by the joint vision of a Comprehensive Economic and Maritime Security Partnership, adopted by the two leaders in October 2024 during the Sate Visit of the President of Maldives to India. A High Level Core Group (HLCG) has been constituted to oversee the progress in the implementation of this joint vision. Till date, two HLCG meetings have taken place, in January and May 2025.

It is Government of India's constant endeavour to further strengthen its relations with Maldives in line with its 'Neighbourhood First' policy and Vision MAHASAGAR.
