

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.973
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2017**

INDIA DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION OF OVERSEAS INDIANS

973. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) **whether the Government is implementing any programme called India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians (IDF-OI); and**
- (b) **if so, the details thereof including its objectives and salient features?**

ANSWER

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

- (a) **India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians (IDF-OI) is a not-for-profit Trust set up by Government of India to facilitate Overseas Indian philanthropy into social and development projects in India.**
- (b) **Objectives of the Trust**

- **Lead philanthropy by Overseas Indians into India.**
- **Provide a list of credible institutions, projects and programmes to Overseas Indians.**
- **Function as a clearing house for all philanthropic related information on India.**
- **Partner with States in India and encourage credible Indian philanthropic organisations.**
- **Promote accountability and 'good practices' in Diaspora philanthropy.**

IDF-OI's present mandate is to promote Government of India's Flagship programmes – National Mission for Clean Ganga and Swachh Bharat Mission; and Social and Development projects identified by State Governments, to Overseas Indians.
