

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 268**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2018

**AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE**

268. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently signed new agreements in strategic areas of security, nuclear energy, protection of classified information and also in the field of education, environment, urban development and railways with France;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has considered all aspects and their impact on domestic economy before entering into these agreements; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Yes. During the visit of French President Emmanuel Macron to India in March 2018, the two sides signed a total of 14 Agreements/MoUs (list placed below).

1. Agreement between India and France on the Prevention of Illicit Consumption and Reduction of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Chemical Precursors and Related Offences

2. India-France Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement

3. Agreement between India and France to facilitate Mutual Recognition of Academic Qualifications

4. Memorandum of Understanding between Ministry of Railways and SNCF Motilities, France on technical cooperation in the field of Railways

5. Letter of Intent between India and France for creation of a permanent Indo-French Railways Forum

6. Agreement between India and France regarding the provision of reciprocal logistics support between their Armed Forces

7. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and France on cooperation in the field of Environment

8. Agreement between India and France on cooperation in the field of Sustainable Urban Development

9. Agreement between India and France regarding the exchange and reciprocal protection of classified or protected information

10. Implementing Arrangement between Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Central National D'Etudes Spatiales (CNES) for pre-formulation studies of a Maritime Awareness Mission

11. Industrial Way Forward Agreement between Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd, and EDF, France

12. Bilateral Arrangement between India and France on cooperation in the matter of Hydrography and Maritime Cartography

13. Credit Facility Agreement between India and France of Euros 100 million for funding of the Smart City Projects through a Challenge Process

14. Memorandum of Understanding between National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE), Ministry of New & Renewable Energy and the National Solar Energy Institute (INES), France

The Agreements/MoUs are a result of detailed consultations with all stakeholders.

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