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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

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TRAINING OF MALDIVIAN CIVIL SERVANTS

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

- (a) the key objectives of the renewed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed for training of 1,000 Maldivian civil servants indicating the key components, duration and financial outlay of the programmes;**
- (b) the manner in which this renewed partnership align with India's broader foreign policy objectives in the Indian Ocean region;**

(c) the details of the outcomes of the previous capacity building programmes conducted by the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) for Maldivian civil servants from 2019 to 2024 indicating the number of civil servants trained and the areas of capacity building covered, year-wise;

(d) whether any assessment has been conducted regarding the effectiveness of previous training programs, if so, the findings thereof and improvements incorporated in the renewed MoU; and

(e) whether similar capacity building initiatives are planned with other Indian Ocean region countries, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a to e) Under the MoU between the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG), Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances, Government of India and Maldives Civil Service Commission, Republic of Maldives on Training and Capacity Building Programme for Maldivian Civil Servants, signed on 08 June 2019, 1000 Maldivian Civil Servants were trained in India through customized, tailor-made and need-based modules and programmes, as per the requirements of

Maldives, in areas of public policy, governance and field administration. The five-year MoU was renewed on 09 August 2024 to train additional 1000 Maldivian civil servants in India over a period of five years.

Maldives is an important partner in India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy and Vision SAGAR. Capacity building and training is one of the key pillars of the India-Maldives partnership. This has been reflected in the India-Maldives 'Comprehensive Economic and Maritime Security Partnership' adopted in October 2024, wherein, both countries agreed that capacity building initiatives have positively contributed towards human resource developmental needs of Maldives and have decided to continue with customized training programmes for Maldivian civil servants.

Similarly, an MoU between the NCGG and the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA) has been signed during the State Visit of President of Sri Lanka to India on 16 December 2024, to train 1,500 Sri Lankan civil servants in India over a period of five years.
