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

- (a) whether the Government signed MoUs for various development projects during the visits of the Prime Minister of India to different countries;**
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof during the last five years, project and country-wise;**
- (c) the benefits accruing/likely to accrue to the country and different fields and sectors from such MoUs, country-wise; and**
- (d) the field and sectors identified and included under said projects, country-wise?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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(a to d) High level visits are established means to display India's capabilities abroad, expand market access and create the basis for economic partnerships. This is especially so with nations of the Global South. The status of implementation of MoUs signed during PM's recent visits for development activities abroad is at Annexure-I. Agreements and MoUs are also signed with foreign partners in respect of development projects at home. An illustrative list of such MoUs is at Annexure-II. Together, these endeavours contribute to accelerating India's quest to be Viksit Bharat in 2047.

Developmental Activities/Projects abroad

Sl. No.	Country	MoUs for various development projects	Details and Present Status	Benefits accruing/likely to accrue to the country	Fields and sectors identified
1	Bangladesh	MoU on Supply of ICT Equipment, Courseware & Reference Books and Training for Bangladesh-Bharat Digital Service and Employment Training (BDSET) Centre;	The MoU for the project was signed in March 2021 during the visit of Prime Minister. The current physical and financial progress is 80 % and 75% respectively.	The IT Labs and other infrastructure/ centre will support the Government of Bangladesh for creating pool of skilled human resources locally.	Information and Communication Technology.
2	Bangladesh	Laid foundation of Rooppur Power Evacuation Project of five packages (Amin Bazar – Kaliakoir, Rooppur – Dhaka, Rooppur – Gopalganj,	Expected to be completed by 2026. (Two packages completed)	Contribute to energy needs of Bangladesh and enhance energy security.	Power and Transmission

		Rooppur – Dhamrai, Rooppur – Bogra).			
3	Bangladesh	Inauguration of Rabindra Bhawan facilities in Kuthibari	Completed in June 2023	Restoration of shared cultural heritage	Art & Culture
4	Lao PDR	<p>QIP on Preservation of heritage of performing art of Phalak-Phalam (Lao Ramayana) drama in Luang Prabang Province</p> <p>QIP on Renovation of Wat Phakea Temple in Luang Prabang Province</p> <p>QIP on Preservation of Shadow Puppet Theatre's Performance in Champasak Province</p>	<p>These 3 QIPs are being implemented under Mekong Ganga Cooperation (MGC) mechanism and were announced during PM's visit to Vientiane on 10 October 2024. These QIPs are under implementation.</p>	<p>QIPs directly benefit local communities, with results that are immediate and visible, which contribute significantly to economic and social development and improvement of public welfare. These grassroot projects, mostly in remote, have been generating enormous goodwill. These QIPs focus on preserving the shared cultural and civilizational heritage of India and Lao PDR.</p>	<p>The QIPs relate to preservation of heritage of Lao Ramayan, restoration of Wat Pakea Buddhist temple with murals related to Ramayan, and support to shadow puppetry theater on Ramayan in Champasak province.</p>
5	Nepal	Agreement between SJVN Ltd and Nepal	The Detailed Project Report has been	A JV of NEA and SJVN (with at least a 51%	Hydropower

		Electricity Authority (NEA) for Development and implementation of Arun 4 Project	prepared by SJVN, and now NEA and SJVN are negotiating the design parameters of this project.	stake) would develop the 490 MW Arun 4 project. Arun 4 Project development will strengthen energy co-operation, boost Nepal's power generation, facilitate clean energy access, and enhance economic integration between the countries.	
6	Trinidad and Tobago	During the visit of PM to Guyana for India and CARICOM summit (November 21-22, 2024) an MoU on SMEs was signed with Trinidad and Tobago.	After preparation of Detailed Project Report, Bid Management Process currently ongoing, machineries likely to be dispatched by January 2025.	It will help strengthen the SMEs sector in T&T, create local employment and also boost its exports.	SMEs - Small and Medium Enterprises (Agriculture - Food Processing Sector)
7	Guyana	During the same visit of PM an MoU on UPI was signed with Guyana.	Engagement with Guyana is ongoing to conclude the commercial	It will help digitise the economy, make B2B (Business to Business), P2P (people to	Digital Economy

			agreement at the earliest.	people) and G2P (Government to People) transactions more efficient.	
8	Ukraine	MoU on Humanitarian Grant Assistance for Implementation of High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDP) was signed between India and Ukraine on 23.08.2024 during visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Ukraine.	The MoU is in operation and is valid for five years i.e. upto 22.08.2029. Under the MOU projects upto USD 1.5 million will be fully funded by Government of India. The next steps will involve signing project specific MoUs for the projects submitted by the Government of Ukraine.	The MoU on HICDP was signed in line with India's commitment to provide humanitarian assistance to Ukraine with a view to further strengthening bilateral cooperation and generate goodwill for India. Since the projects are executed with the participation of Indian companies, such projects also give exposure to the Indian companies in the beneficiary countries.	MoU provides for humanitarian grant assistance towards socio-economic development, livelihood support, empowerment of women & children welfare and facilitation of community life through creation of infrastructure in the education, health training, agriculture and agro-industry, micro-irrigation, renewable energy, trade, transport and communication as well as other sectors which may be mutually agreed.

9	Vietnam	<p>During India – Vietnam Leaders’ Virtual Summit”- 21 December 2020, Agreement for US\$ 5 million Indian Grant Assistance for Army Software Park at National Telecommunications University, Nha Trang, Vietnam between Embassy of India, Hanoi and Telecommunications University, Ministry of National Defence, Vietnam, to facilitate setting up of IT infrastructure at the Army Software Park in Telecommunications University, Nha Trang, with provision for training and services in the field</p>	Implemented	<p>To strengthen bilateral defence cooperation through enhancing Vietnam’s capacity buildings in IT, data reception etc</p>	Defence Sector
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		of software applications.			
10	Germany	MoUs/JDIs on development projects during PM's visit during 6th IGC	JDI on Triangular Development Cooperation Present Status: Active	Cooperation on sustainable development projects in third countries	Green and sustainable development
11	United Arab Emirates	MoU on establishment of IIT Delhi Campus in Abu Dhabi (July 2023)	Campus established. Btech and Mtech courses are offered	Internationalisation of Indian Educational institutions. Greater educational opportunities of Indian community in the UAE	Education
12	United Arab Emirates	Bharat Mart (February 2024)	Under discussion/at various stages of implementation	Greater market access for Indian exports, including SMEs	Trade
13	United Arab Emirates	Inter-Governmental Framework Agreement on the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC) (February 2024)	A virtual trade corridor inaugurated between India - UAE	Promotion of trade and commerce, ease of doing business and reducing of costs and time in trade	Logistics

Developmental Activities/Projects in India

S.No	Country	Government signed MoUs for various development projects during the foreign visits of Prime Minister w.e.f. 01.07.2019	Details and Present Status	Benefits accruing/likely to accrue to the country	Fields and sectors identified and included under the said project
1	Germany	MoUs/JDIs on development projects during PM's visit during 6th IGC	JDI on Partnership for Green and Sustainable Development Present Status: Active	Financial and technical assistance by Germany for sustainable development projects in India	Renewable energy, sustainable urban development, green mobility, sustainable agriculture, etc
			JDI on Indo-German Development Cooperation Regarding Renewable Energy Partnership Present Status: Active	Financial and technical assistance by Germany for renewable energy sector in India	Renewable energy

			JDI on Indo-German Green Hydrogen Task Force Present Status: Active	Cooperation for developing Green Hydrogen industry in India	Green Hydrogen
			JDI on Agroecology and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources (Lighthouse Initiative) Present Status: Active	Cooperation regarding environment, sustainable management of natural resources and agro-food systems	Agroecology and natural resource management
			JDI on Cooperation in the Field of Forest Landscape Restoration Present Status: Active	Cooperation regarding forest conservation and restoration, climate protection and conservation of biodiversity	Forests and environment, biodiversity
2	France	MoUs signed during visit of PM on 22 August 2019 and 14 July 2023	Memorandum of Agreement between National Institute of Solar Energy(NISE), Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India and The French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission (CEA)	Cooperation on areas of hydrogen energy and fuel cells	Renewable Energy

			Letter of Intent on the New National Museum and Cooperation on Museology: Active (A further MoU is being pursued containing detailed scope of work in furtherance of the Lol)	Knowledge sharing and expertise on development of India's National Museum	Cultural Cooperation
			MoU on Cooperation in the field of Digital Technologies between MeitY and French Ministry of Economy	Supports adoption of digital technology and best practices to address challenges	Digital Technology
			MoU between Invest India and Business France	Promote investment facilitation and cooperation between startups of India and France.	Startups and Innovation
			India-France joint Earth Observation mission TRISHNA Implementing Arrangement	TRISHNA is designed to provide high-resolution thermal infrared imagery, which is critical for applications such as monitoring water resources, land surface temperature, and vegetation health.	Space Technology, Water resources, Land management, and Forests.

			Letter of Intent between India and France for Cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine	It would contribute to the improvement of health and wellbeing of people in two countries	Health
3	Singapore	MOU on Education Cooperation and Skills Development	Signed on 02 September, 2024	<p>Enhance collaborations on capability and skills development</p> <p>Promote collaboration between Higher Education Institutes</p> <p>Promote the exchange of information and best practices</p> <p>Promote the exchange of teaching staff, educational administrators and students</p> <p>Promote cooperation on teacher training</p>	<p>Technical and Vocational Education Training</p> <p>Educational institutions</p>
4	USA	MoU Signed between an Indian Company, Petronet		Strengthening of Energy cooperation	Energy Sector

		LNG Limited and a US Company, Tellurian Inc. to explore Energy cooperation during PM's visit to USA from 21st to 28th September 2019			
5	USA	MOU between the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the US Department of Health and Human Services for expanding cooperation and partnership in the healthcare sector.	Signed on 28.09.2021	The MoU intends to encourage the cooperation and innovation in public health and research in Health Safety and Security; prevention, diagnosis, treatment and control of Communicable and non-communicable Diseases, Health System and Health policy.	Healthcare Sector
6	USA	MOU between the Indian Council of Medical Research and the US National Institute of Allergy and	Signed on 24.09.2024	The cooperation undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") may include, but is not limited to Collaborative	Healthcare Sector

		<p>Infectious Disease to continue joint support for the highly productive Indo-U.S. International Center of Excellence in Research (ICER) program – an infectious disease research partnership located at the National Institute for Research on Tuberculosis in Chennai.</p>		<p>research projects; Exchange of scientists and researchers; Scientific meetings, workshops and symposia;. Training activities and consultations; Long-term assignment of scientists and researchers to undertake joint research; Enhancement and strengthening of biomedical/infectious disease research capacity, including clinical research infrastructure, data and information management systems, and sample repositories; Exchange of research materials, data, technology and scientific publications; Other forms of cooperation identified by mutual consent.</p>	
7	USA	<p>MoU on extension of five-year to the statement of</p>	<p>Extends the validity of the SGP Agreement up-to 2026</p>	<p>The Agreement helps fulfil the joint commitment of both nations to work</p>	

		Guiding Principles on Triangular Cooperation for Global Development (SGP) between India and USA		together and leverage their combined capacities to provide demand-driven development partnership. This triangular cooperation with the US will complement India's other ongoing and future development partnerships, capacity building and technical assistance with countries globally.	
8	USA	India signed on to the Artemis Accords – the Principles for Cooperation in the Civil Exploration and Use of the Moon, Mars, Comets, and Asteroids for Peaceful Purposes- on 21 June 2023 in Washington D.C.		Cooperation in the sector of civil space exploration and use.	Space

9	USA	India signed on to Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) Agreements under Pillar III (clean economy), Pillar IV (fair economy), and the overarching Agreement	Signed on 21 st September 2024	This Agreement will facilitate development, access, and deployment of clean energy and climate-friendly technologies and to catalyse investment and strengthen measures for anti-corruption, tax transparency etc. and improve business environment	Clean Energy and climate-friendly technology etc.
10	USA	MoU concerning India-US Drug Policy Framework signed during PM's visit from 21 st to 23 rd September 2024		It will deepen collaboration to disrupt the illicit production and international trafficking of synthetic drugs and precursor chemicals and deepen holistic public health partnership.	Healthcare
11	Maldives	MoU for the Establishment of Passenger and Cargo Services by Sea	Ongoing	Enhancing trade linkages and people-to-people contacts between the two countries. Operationalization of India Maldives Shipping Service	Connectivity, economy & trade and people-to-people ties

				facilitating direct cargo movement between ports of India and Maldives	
12	Sri Lanka	MoU between NPCL International Payments Ltd and LankaPay on digital payments.	UPI QR based payment system was virtually launched in Sri Lanka by PM and then President of Sri Lanka Ranil Wickremesinghe on 12 February, 2024.	Introduction of UPI system is helping Indian tourists visiting Sri Lanka on ease of payment and transactions.	Digital connectivity and tourism promotion.
13	Sri Lanka	Announcement to commence Passenger ferry service between Nagapattinam (Tamil Nadu) and Kankesanthurai (KKS) port in Jaffna, Sri Lanka.	Passenger ferry service between Nagapattinam (Tamil Nadu) and Kankesanthurai (KKS) was launched in October 2023. Subsequently, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has identified a commercial operator for the ferry, who has since started operations from 16 August 2024.	Facilitating people-to-people ties, trade and tourism and maritime connectivity between India and Sri Lanka.	
14	Mauritius	Memorandum of Understanding for the Improvement in	PM and the former Mauritian PM jointly inaugurated the runway	The runway and jetty constructed as part of the MOU has enhanced sea	

		Sea and Air Transportation Facilities at Agalega Island of Mauritius	and jetty constructed as part of the MOU through video-conferencing facility on 29 February 2024	and air connectivity between main land Mauritius and Agalega. The infrastructure is also helping the Government of Mauritius on surveillance and monitoring of its Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).	
15	Bangladesh	Inauguration of 'Mitali Express' - passenger train service on Dhaka-New Jalpaiguri-Dhaka route through Chilahati-Haldibari rail link	Operationalised as a weekly service (currently, it is temporarily suspended due to security situation)	Enhancing people to people ties and boosting tourism.	Rail connectivity
16	Bangladesh	Inauguration of 3 border haats - Nalikata (India) - Saydabad (Bangladesh); Ryngku (India) - Bagan Bari (Bangladesh) and Bholagunj (India) -	Operationalised upon inauguration (currently, it is temporarily suspended due to security situation)	Contribute to livelihood of people living in border areas and enhance people to people ties.	Border connectivity and trade.

		Bholagunj (Bangladesh)			
17	Saudi Arabia	MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Renewable Energy between Saudi Ministry of Energy and Ministry of New & Renewable Energy of India (Oct 2019)	Under discussion/at various stages of implementation	Energy diversification and self sufficiency	New and Renewable Energy
18	Saudi Arabia	MoU between Saudi General Authority of Military Industries (GAMI) and Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence concerning collaboration in military acquisition, industries, research,	Under discussion/at various stages of implementation	Make in India, Self reliance in defence production and potential defence exports	Defence and Security

		development and technology (Oct 2019)			
19	Saudi Arabia	MoU between Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Saudi Food & Drug Authority (SFDA) for Cooperation in the field of medical products regulations (Oct 2019)	Under discussion/at various stages of implementation	Exports of medical equipments and pharmaceuticals	Health, Medical and pharmaceuticals
20	Saudi Arabia	Letter of Intent between Small and Medium Enterprises General Authority (Monshaat) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Atal Innovation Mission	Under discussion/at various stages of implementation	Make in India, strengthening of small and medium enterprises	SME sector

		(AIM), NITI Aayog, of the Republic of India (Oct 2019)			
21	Saudi Arabia	MoU between Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Limited (ISPRL) and Saudi Aramco. (Oct 2019)	Under discussion/at various stages of implementation	Energy self sufficiency	Energy sector
22	Saudi Arabia	MoU between National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Saudi Payments (Oct 2019)	Under discussion/at various stages of implementation	Digitisation of economy, ease of doing international business, saving currency conversion charge	Commerce and Investments
23	United Arab Emirates	MoU on establishment of a framework to promote the use of local currencies (INR-AED) for cross-border transactions between India and UAE (July 2023)	Under discussion/at various stages of implementation	Promotion of trade	Finance
24	United Arab	MoU on interlinking	Under discussion/at various	Ease of cross-border	Finance

	Emirates	payment and messaging systems between India and UAE (July 2023) Agreement on interlinking of the instant payment platforms-UPI (India) and AANI (UAE) (February 2024) Agreement on interlinking domestic debit/credit cards-RuPay (India) and JAYWAN (UAE) (February 2024)	stages of implementation	transactions and cutting transaction costs	
25	United Arab Emirates	MoU for Cooperation with National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC), Lothal at Gujarat (February 2024)	Under discussion/at various stages of implementation	Maritime Research, joint international collaborations	Culture
26	United Arab	MoU for investment	Under discussion/at various	Strengthening digital	Advanced

	Emirates	cooperation in Digital Infrastructure Projects (February 2024)	in stages of implementation	infrastructure ecosystem and access to advanced technologies	Technology
27	United Arab Emirates	MoU in the field of Electricity Interconnection and Trade (February 2024)	Under discussion/at various stages of implementation	Trade in energy and increase in energy self sufficiency	Power
