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STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH AFRICA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to align India's Africa engagement strategy with the goals of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and Agenda 2063 and if so, the key areas identified for long-term collaboration;**
- (b) the extent to which India's bilateral or trilateral cooperation frameworks with African countries support regional trade integration, connectivity infrastructure and transport corridor development in alignment with AfCFTA objectives;**
- (c) whether India is providing targeted support in agricultural value chains, including agri-tech and climate-resilient practices, especially for smallholder farmers across Africa and the manner in which this aligns**

with India's development cooperation programmes such as ITEC or LOCs; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to strengthen India's trade and investment footprint in Africa's emerging manufacturing, digital economy and energy sectors, particularly in nations where India is among the top three trading partners?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) India's partnership with Africa is based on the needs and priorities of the African countries. In this regard, alignment with AfCFTA and Agenda 2063 is essential for our bilateral engagements with African countries. The key areas identified for long term collaboration are Energy, Agriculture, Healthcare, Infrastructure, Capacity Building and Digital Public Infrastructure.

(b) India's development partnership initiatives in Africa especially in the field of infrastructure include projects in varied sectors such as power, hydroelectricity, transmission & distribution networks, dams, roads, railways, agriculture & irrigation, industrial units, skills development,

civil construction, defence, etc. This has contributed to African efforts to support regional trade facilitation by improving connectivity through infrastructure development.

(c) The Government has undertaken a number of development projects in Agriculture Sector through supply of Agri-machinery and equipments for setting up of Food Processing Industries, commissioning irrigation projects, increasing agricultural productivity through soil conditioning, farm mechanisation and fertiliser support.

(d) India will continue to collaborate with African countries in areas such as pharmaceuticals, healthcare infrastructure, education and vocational training, skill development, critical minerals, agriculture and allied sectors, digital public infrastructure and energy sector through increased interaction between Indian Industry and Africa to facilitate project and business opportunities.
