

India Zimbabwe Relations

India and Zimbabwe have a long history of close and cordial relations. During the era of the Munhumutapa Kingdom, Indian merchants established strong links with Zimbabwe, trading in textiles, minerals and metals. Sons of the royal house of Munhumutapa journeyed to India to broaden their education. In the 17th century, a great son of Zimbabwe, Dom Miguel – Prince, Priest and Professor, and heir to the imperial throne of the Mutapas – studied in Goa. An inscribed pillar stands today at a chapel in Goa, a tribute to his intellectual stature. India supported Zimbabwe's freedom struggle. Former Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi attended Zimbabwean independence celebrations in 1980.

There were frequent exchanges of high level visits in the past, bilateral or to attend Summits such as NAM, CHOGM and G-15. Former Prime Minister Shri Vajpayee and President Mugabe met twice in the year 2003 on the sidelines of UNGA and NAM Summit. Former President Mugabe attended the IAFS-III held Delhi in 2015.

Visits from India to Zimbabwe

- 1980 – Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi – to attend Independence Celebrations of Zimbabwe.
- 1986 – Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi to attend NAM Summit.
- 1989 – President Shri R. Venkataraman
- 1991 – Prime Minister Shri Narasimha Rao – to attend CHOGM Summit
- 1995 – President Dr. S. D. Sharma
- 1996 – Prime Minister Shri H. D. Deve Gowda for the G-15 Summit
- 2018 - Vice President, Shri Venkaiah Naidu- Official Visit

Visits from Zimbabwe to India

- 1981 – President Robert Gabriel Mugabe
- 1983 – President Robert Gabriel Mugabe to attend CHOGM and NAM Summits
- 1987 – President Mugabe – Africa Fund Summit
- 1991 – President Mugabe – Nehru Award Presentation
- 1993 – President Mugabe
- 1994 – President Mugabe – G-15 Summit
- 2015 – President Mugabe – IAFS-III Summit
- 2018 - Vice President General(Retd) Dr. Dr. C.G.N. Chiwenga– Special Envoy of President E.D.Mnangagwa

Vice President General(Retd). Dr. C.G.N. Chiwenga visited India as a Special Envoy of President E.D.Mnangagwa on 23 March 2018. He also participated in the 13th edition of CII-Exim Bank Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnership.

Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Venkaiah Naidu visited Zimbabwe from November 2-4, 2018. This was the first ever visit by an Indian Vice President and a high level visit from India to Zimbabwe in the past 22 years. The Vice President was accompanied by a high-level delegation comprising of MOS for Social Justice and

Empowerment Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar, Members of Parliament, Shri Kodikkunnil Suresh and Shri V. Muraleedharan and senior government officials. A large business delegation visited Zimbabwe separately to coincide with the visit. During the visit, 5 MoUs and an Action Plan on ICT were signed and several announcements were made.

Ministerial visits from Zimbabwe to India have taken place on a regular basis since 2006, beginning with the visit of a high-level delegation led by H.E. Mr. Obert Mpofu, Minister of Industry and International Trade to India for COMESA Ministerial Meeting in New Delhi on 5-6 October 2006 and 3rd Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnership (9-11 October).

Former Minister of Industry and Commerce Prof Welshman Ncube participated in the Global Partnership Summit in Chennai from 21-22 January 2010. A seven member delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister Ms. T. Khupe visited India for study visit on Micro Finance Initiatives for Women from 24 February to 2 March, 2010. Minister of Small and Medium Enterprises and Cooperative Development Ms. S. G. G. Nyoni participated in SME Business and Projects in Africa in New Delhi, 12-17 March, 2010. Mines and Mining Development Minister Mr. O. M. Mpofu, led a high-powered delegation to attend the Mines & Marketing Seminar in Mumbai, 12-13 October 2010 organized by the Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council.

Former Finance Minister Tendai Biti visited Delhi and Mumbai 22-28 March 2011, and met with CIM and other dignitaries.

Former Minister of Science and Technology participated in the First India-Africa Science and Technology Ministers Conference held in New Delhi on March 1-2, 2012. Besides, Vice President Mujuru led a delegation to participate in the 8th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave in New Delhi on March 18-20, 2012 where Zimbabwe was the focus country. Hon'ble Ms. Edna Madzongwe, President of the Senate led a delegation to participate in the 7th Meeting of Women Speakers of Parliament on Gender Sensitive Parliaments held in New Delhi on 3-4 October, 2012. Minister of Commerce and Industry, Prof. Welshman Ncube, visited Mumbai to participate in the India-Africa Commerce Ministers Conference in January 2012 and later in Agra in January 2013. He also led a Zimbabwean delegation to the 9th CII-Exim Bank Conclave in Delhi from March 17-19, 2013.

Former Minister of Agriculture, Mechanization and Irrigation Development Mr. Joseph Made participated in Asia-Africa AgriBusiness Forum held in Delhi from 4-6 February, 2014. A high powered delegation comprising Minister of Industry & Commerce Mr. Mike Bimha & Minister of SMEs Mrs. S. Nyoni, among others, participated in CII EXIM Bank Conclave held in Delhi from 9-11 March, 2014. Ms. Oppah C.Z. Muchinguri, Minister for Women Affairs, Gender & Community Development visited India in July, 2014 to study the establishment of Women's Bank.

Mr. Patrick Chinamasa, Minister for Finance & Economic Development, Mrs. S.G.G. Nyoni, Minister of SME & Cooperative Development and Simbarashe S. Mumbengegwi, Foreign Affairs Minister accompanied President Mugabe to attend the IAFS-III held in October, 2015. Dr. Joseph Made, Minister of Agriculture, Mechanization and Irrigation Development visited India in December, 2015 to attend EIMA AGRIMACH INDIA 2015 held in Pusa Institute, New Delhi.

Mr. Aldrin Mussiwa, Dy. Minister of Health & Child Care attended the India-Africa Health Science Meet held in New Delhi from 1-3 September, 2016.

Ms. Chiratidzo Iris Mabuwa, Dy. Minister of Industry & Commerce attended the 23rd edition of Partnership Summit held from January 27-29, 2017 at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. She also attended the 12th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave held in New Delhi from 9-10 March, 2017. Mr. E.D. Mnangagwa, Vice-President visited New Delhi on a private visit from 12-26 January, 2017. Mr. Ignatious Chombo, Home Minister visited Hyderabad from 5-9 February, 2017 to visit the Mylan Laboratories on invitation of Newavakash International Pvt. Ltd. Dr. Walter Mzembi, Minister of Tourism and Hospitality Industry visited New Delhi from 11-14 February, 2017 to seek support for his candidature for the post of Secretary General of UNWTO. Mr. Walter K. Chidakwa, Minister of Mines and Mining Development attended the International Diamond Conference 'Mines to Market 2017' being organized by The Gem & Jewelry Export Promotion Council(GJEPC) on 19-20 March, 2017. Mr. R.P. Mphoko, Vice-President visited New Delhi on a private visit from 7-16 April, 2017. Two young Parliamentarians namely, Hon'ble Justice Mayor Wadyajena and Ms. Nomathemba Ndlovu from Zimbabwe visited India among 25 Young Parliamentarians from Africa during Monsoon Session i.e. from July 30 to August 5, 2017.

Mr. Vangelis Peter Haritatos, Deputy Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Water, Climate and Rural Settlement visited India on 29 September to 2 October 2018 to attend the Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention. Deputy Minister of Energy and Power Development, Mr Magna Mudyiwa visited India from 2-5 October 2018 to participate in the 1st Assembly of the Solar Alliance. Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce, Raj Modi, visited India to participate as a Guest of Honour at the second edition of the India Gold and Jewellery Summit held in New Delhi on November 23 and 24. During his visit, he also called on Shri Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce and Industry.

From the Indian side following Ministerial visits have taken place since 2011:

- (a) Shri Jyotiraditya Schindia, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry led a business delegation in September 2011.
- (b) Shri Anand Sharma, Minister of Commerce and Industry participated in business seminar in July 2012. He also led an Indian delegation to 2nd Joint Trade Committee in March 2013. Shri Sharma visited again in February 2014 with a delegation to review decisions taken during 2nd Joint Trade Committee.
- (c) Shri Beni Prasad Verma, Minister of Steel led a delegation from 8-10 April 2013.
- (d) Shri Harish Rawat, Minister of Water Resources led a WAPCOS delegation from 12-13 April 2013.
- (e) Col. (Retd.) Rajyavardhan Rathore, Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, visited Zimbabwe on 26-27 August, 2015 to invite Zimbabwean dignitaries to attend IAFS-III.

At the invitation of Government of Zimbabwe, An 8-member Election Observer Mission visited Zimbabwe in July 2018 to observe the elections held on 30 July 2018.

Capacity Building Programmes(I TEC & ICCR Scholarships)

Assistance to Zimbabwe under the I TEC programme has been a regular feature of India's assistance to Zimbabwe for capacity building. I TEC and ICCR scholarships are much sought after by Zimbabweans. In 2017-18, 235 I TEC slots, 9 ICCR slots and 34 IAFS-III slots were utilised. During the period April-December 2018, 169 I TEC slots, 5 defence I TEC slots and 9 ICCR scholarships have been utilized. Over 1400 Zimbabweans have been trained in short-term civilian courses in India under the I TEC programme over the last ten years.

Indian Institute of Foreign Trade in collaboration with ZimTrade conducted Executive Development Programme on International Business from 17-21 November, 2014 in Harare and another such Programme from March 9-13, 2015 in Bulawayo.

Through various memoranda of understanding entered with institutions of great repute in India, The Harare Institute of Technology [HIT] is sending its students to various Universities to get degrees in Master of Technology in various disciplines such as Delhi Technological University; Amity University, Manassar; Sharda University; Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University; Vellore Institute of Technology; Rabindranath Tagore University; IIT Madras; Indian Institute of Welding; National Institute of Foundry and Forging Technology; Marwadi University; IIT Kharagpur; Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology; Institute of Technology and Management and Sri Ramaswamy Memorial Institute of Science and Technology.

Under the Presidential and National Scholarship Programme, Government of Zimbabwe has sent 42 students to Shimla University in 2018. The scholarship programme is co-sponsored by the Shimla University.

Assistance/Aid extended

India gave an assistance of 50,000 tonnes of rice in 2003 when Zimbabwe experienced severe drought. Another similar assistance of 500 tonnes of rice was given on March 23, 2015. India granted US \$ 5 million for promoting SMEs (Indo-Zimbabwe Technology Centre) in Zimbabwe, a project inaugurated by President Robert Mugabe on August 4, 2008. The final phase of the project completed in February, 2013. India set up three 'Hole-In-The-Wall' computer learning stations in 2012. India is in the process of setting up a Vocational Training Center (under IAFS-I) and a Food Testing Laboratory (FTL) and a Rural Technology Park (RTP) under IAFS-II under aid budget. There has been no movement forward in the case of FTL and RTP. Besides, under GOI Line of Credit (LOC) worth US\$ 28.6 million upgradation of Deka Pumping Station and River Water Intake System is in progress. An additional LOC of USD 19 million has been extended for this project. Another LOC Agreement worth USD 87 million was signed on October 27, 2015 in New Delhi on the side lines of IAFS-III between the Government of Zimbabwe and the EXIM Bank of India for renovation/upgradation of Bulawayo Thermal Power Plant. An additional USD 23 million has been extended for this project. Under the EXIM Bank of India's Buyer's Credit Agreement worth USD 49.92 million, M/s. Ashok Leyland Ltd. supplied around 635 vehicles and spare parts to the Ministry of Tourism & Hospitality Industry in October, 2015. Under the similar facility from EXIM Bank of India,

BEML Ltd, India supplied worth USD 13.03 million mining equipment and blast hole drill and spare parts to Hwange Colliery Company Ltd., Zimbabwe. The mining equipment were commissioned on June 19, 2015 by Zimbabwean Vice President Phelekezela Mphoko. India extended a grant of US \$ 1 million and announced an aid of 500 tons of rice to the Govt. of Zimbabwe on 4th August, 2016 in response to the international appeal made by Zimbabwe in the wake of national drought disaster. India again extended a grant of US \$ 1 million to Zimbabwe on 1st June, 2017 in response to the 2016-17 flood disaster international appeal made by the Government of Zimbabwe. The donation of 500 metric ton rice to the Govt. of Zimbabwe arrived in Harare and handed over to the concerned authorities on 22nd November 2017.

During the visit of Hon'ble Vice President Shri Venkaiah Naidu to Zimbabwe in November 2018 the following announcements were made: US\$ 310 million LOC for up-gradation of Hwange Thermal Power Station, additional US\$23 million LOC for rehabilitation of Bulawayo Thermal Power Plant and an additional US\$19.5 million Line of Credit for Deka Pumping & river Water Intake System; grant for construction of Mahatma Gandhi Convention Centre, US\$2.93 million grant for Up-gradation of INDO-Zim Technology Centre and Gifting of 10 Indian made Ambulances, gifting of lifesaving drugs and deputation of experts in five specialized areas.

Economic

Zimbabwe has, of late, started following 'Look East Policy' and India is now looked upon as an important trading as well as business partner.

Trade & Investment:

Bilateral Trade

Year (April-March)	Exports to Zimbabwe (in million US\$)	Imports from Zimbabwe (in million US\$)
2010-11	113.95	11.56
2011-12	171.72	6.89
2012-13	153.19	34.54
2013-14	158.06	12.50
2014-15	223.96	32.70
2015-16	205.08	24.45
2016-17	109.08	60.46
2017-18	163.54	62.20

(Source : DGFT)

India and Zimbabwe signed Joint Commission Agreement in January 1987. Four meetings of the Joint Commission have been held so far – first in New Delhi in April 1987; second in Harare in February 1989; third in New Delhi in October 1990 and the fourth in Harare in January 1996. No Joint Commission meeting has been held since 1996 mainly due to Zimbabwe's economic turmoil. Dates for holding 5th JCM in Delhi are being worked out.

A SoM was held in Ministry of Commerce and Industry in New Delhi in February 2012, followed by the 2nd Joint Trade Committee meeting in Harare in March 2013.

The Air Services Agreement between India and Zimbabwe was signed on June 19, 2014 in Harare.

Foreign Office Consultation

The First Foreign Office Consultation between India and Zimbabwe was held on 20th March 2017 in Harare. The delegation on Indian side was led by Dr. Neena Malhotra, Joint Secretary (E&SA) and on the Zimbabwean side by Amb. Jonathan Wutawunashe, Director (Africa, Asia & Pacific). The Consultation covered gamut of areas in the bilateral relationship of the two countries which included Political, Economic, Trade & Investment, Cultural, Consular and Developmental Cooperation.

Business Delegations

The frequency of visits by business delegations from Zimbabwe has gone up in the last few years and a probable turn-around in the Zimbabwean economy in the future can open up considerable opportunities for Indian companies in agro-processing, mining, telecommunications, power and pharmaceuticals. From the Indian side, a delegation each from CII and FICCI visited Zimbabwe in November 2013 and May 2014 respectively and participated in business seminars and B-2-B meetings. A 16-member delegation led by Shri Ravindra Nath, CMD of National Small Industries Corporation(NSIC), New Delhi participated in the 11th Zimbabwe International Research Symposium held on 17-18 February, 2017 by Zimbabwe Research Council. Another, four member business delegation visited Bulawayo from 22-24 March, 2017. The delegation was led by Mr. Rajiv Chawla, Chairman, I am SME of India, Faridabad. Mr. Chawla was also a key speaker at the CBZ International SME indaba organized at Bulawayo(second largest city of Zimbabwe) on 23, 24 March, 2017.

CII led 9-member business delegation to attend annual conference and International Investment Forum of the Confederation of Zimbabwean Industries' (CZI) held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe from 2- 4 August, 2017. The delegation comprised of representatives from Acreaty Management Consultant Pvt. Ltd., Airports Authority of India (AAI), Hughes Network Systems India Ltd., Ingoz International, and Kirloskar Brothers Ltd.

An Indian delegation from NTPC and Indian Granite and Stone Industries visited Zimbabwe from 10-16 July 2018 and held discussions with local authorities for entering into joint ventures.

A CII led business delegation visited Zimbabwe from 24-28 September 2018 and participated in the India-Zimbabwe ICT Conference on 24th September 2018 organised by the Embassy in association with the Zimbabwe Ministry of Information Communication Technology and Courier Services and the Zimbabwe-India Chamber of Commerce under the theme, 'Zimbabwe-India: Bridging the Digital Gap'. The CII business delegation also participated in the CZI annual Congress and International Investment Forum held in Bulawayo, the 2nd largest city in Zimbabwe, from 26-28 September 2018. The visit was

successful in terms of the interest generated in the business opportunities in Zimbabwe. B2B sessions resulted in the striking of several deals, the agreements for which were signed during the visit of Vice President to Zimbabwe in November 2018. A large Indian business delegation, coinciding with the visit of Hon'ble Vice President of India from 2-4 November 2018 visited Zimbabwe where seven B2B MoUs/Agreements were signed. The two Vice Presidents addressed the Zimbabwe-India Business Forum held during the visit.

Indian public sector companies like Water and Power Consultancy Services (WAPCOS) and Telecommunications India Ltd. (TCIL) had a successful history of engagement with Zimbabwe.

Kirloskar and Jain Irrigation have supplied pumps and irrigation equipment. Some Indian companies are looking for investments in mining – coal, granite, gold and diamonds.

India has strong presence in pharmaceutical sector in Zimbabwe and Indian medicines are readily available in the local market. Ranbaxy and Ipca Labs Ltd. have also established business relations with the Zimbabwean health sector. An Indian pharmaceutical company, "Shreya" had invested about US\$ 1 million in the largest pharmaceutical company of Zimbabwe – 'CAPS Ltd'. M/s Chadha Power of India were awarded a contract in April 2008 to refurbish four units at the Hwange Thermal Power Station near Victoria Falls.

Investments by a few other Indian companies in Zimbabwe are detailed below:

Surface Investment set up a multi-seed edible oil producing plant near Harare capable of producing 120,000 bottles of edible oil daily with an investment of nearly US\$ 1.5 million. The project is a joint venture between Midex Global Pvt. Ltd., Indore and Industrial Development Corporation of Zimbabwe on 74: 26 sharing basis.

ETG – A Tanzania-based Indian company has started producing 70,000 litres of edible oil per day in Zimbabwe.

Graffax Cotton Pvt. Ltd. – 100% foreign-owned EPZ company – has investment of US\$ 2.5 million. It has one cotton-ginning plant in Sanyati and Mt. Darwin in Zimbabwe. The company has plans to install a spinning project to process 3000 tons of lint per annum into yarn and fabrics at Ardnbeny in Harare and an oil extraction/solvent plant at Mt. Darwin.

PM Electronics is exporting transformers to Zimbabwe Electricity Supply Authority (ZESA). The company has also signed a technology transfer agreement with ZESA Enterprises – a subsidiary of ZESA – for a transformer manufacturing project in Harare.

Technofab Engineering Limited, Delhi won three orders worth US\$ 30 million in early 2013, for rehabilitation of water supply and sewage systems in Mutare, Harare, Chitungwiza, Kwekwe, Chegutu and Masvingo. The project is funded by Crown Agents on behalf of Ministry of Finance, Government of Zimbabwe.

Another Indian firm **Indure (Private) Ltd.** was reported to have won tender worth US\$ 11 million in August 2013 to rehabilitate and upgrade the ash plant at the Hwange Thermal Power Station.

Varun Beverages (Zimbabwe) Ltd. : Varun Beverages(Zimbabwe) Ltd. a joint venture of Varun Beverages India(a part of RJ Corp) and a local company Glaciem Pvt.Ltd. performed on November 13, 2015 ground breaking ceremony for \$ 30 million bottling plant being set up in Harare. The Plant was inaugurated in May 2018 by President E.D.Mnangagwa. The plant would bottle Pepsi company brands along with other beverages and drinking water. The company is said to venture into the agro-industry, solar energy and healthcare to increase its investment to almost \$ 250 million in next few years.

ZimGold, the edible oil company : The Indian investor in the edible oil sector with the brand name 'ZimGold' has invested around US\$40 million.

Culture

An MoU on Cooperation in the field of Arts, Culture and Heritage between the two countries was signed on November 3, 2018 during the visit of Hon'ble Vice President of India to Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe and India signed an agreement in 1981 which facilitated cultural exchange programmes for the years 1992 to 1994; but due lack of capacity to reciprocate on the part of Zimbabwe, cultural interaction has become somewhat unidirectional. The Govt. of India sponsored the visit of a 15-member delegation to participate in the Surajkund International Crafts Mela held from 1-15 February, 2017.

In the past, a Goan folk music & dance troupe; and a classical music group led by world renowned Shujaat Hussein Khan; a Kuchipudi dance troupe led by Ms. Sailaja and an Odissi troupe led by Ms. Reela Hota, a 5-member Kathak troupe led by TV Frame, Ms Prachee S. Shah visited Zimbabwe to participate in Harare International Festival of Arts(HIFA) from 1-5 May, 2007. In 2008, two cultural troupes sponsored by the ICCR visited Zimbabwe – a 7-member Bhajan Group of Agnihotri Bandhu in March 2008 and a 12-member Gujarati Folk Dance Group 'Panghat" in October 2008. A 5-member Kathak troupe led by Ms. S. Mehta participated in 2009 and a 12-member Gujarati Folk Dance Troupe led by Mr. Shivajibhai Bhoje participated at annual HIFA programme from 27 April-3 May, 2010. A 12-member Bhangra troupe, sponsored by ICCR, participated in HIFA in 2012. Another ICCR-sponsored Gujarati dance troupe gave around half a dozen performances in Zimbabwe in November 2012. A Rajasthani dance troupe participated in HIFA in May 2014. ICCR- sponsored Gujarati dance group performed in HIFA in May 2015 and another ICCR-sponsored 12-member Bhangra dance group participated in the Harare International Carnival from 8-10, October, 2015. With the support of ICCR, a 12-member Manipuri Cultural Troupe visited Harare from 7-17 September, 2016 to participate in the India in Sunshine City Festival organized by Embassy of India, Harare. A two member delegation of Yoga experts from Ministry of AYUSH also visited Harare from 7-17 September, 2016 to participate in the India in Sunshine City Festival. ICCR sponsored troupe 'Rangla Punjab' performed in HIFA on 5th and 6th May, 2017.

A photo exhibition 'My Land My People' curated by Raghu Rai was also displayed in Harare. Another photo exhibition titled "Churches and Christian Culture of Goa" was

organized at National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Harare from February 12 to March 4, 2015. India has also been participating in international film festivals in Zimbabwe. Embassy organized successfully in Chancery premises the 1st International Day of Yoga on June 21, 2015 in collaboration with Art of Living and Brahma Kumari's Raj Yoga Centre. The 2nd International Day of Yoga was celebrated in three different cities of Zimbabwe, in Harare on 19.06.2016, in Bulawayo & Victoria Falls on 26.06.2016.

Three editions of Indian Food Festival were held successfully in Meikles Hotel, Harare in November 2012, October 2013 and October 2014 by the Embassy in collaboration with ITDC. Indian Tourist Office Johannesburg participated in World Tourism Expo in Harare on June 18-20, 2015 and for the 2nd consecutive year won the Best Overall Stand Award.

Two editions of Indian Handicrafts Exhibitions were organized by the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts, India, in collaboration with Embassy in Harare in November 2012 and September-October 2013.

The 3rd edition of 'India in the Sunshine City Festival' was organized from 6-16 September 2018 by the Mission in association with Zimbabwe Ministry of Youth, Sports Arts & Recreation and M/s Team Work Arts, India. The festival was a bouquet of India's rich heritage which included Bollywood, music, dance, theatre, yoga and food. Several workshops including local artists were also conducted. The festival has now become a part of the cultural landscape of Harare City.

As part of celebration of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Mission in collaboration with Ministry of Youth, Sports, Arts and Recreation, Sports & Recreation Commission, National Athletics Association of Zimbabwe and the Hindoo Society organised a 'Mahatma Gandhi Run for Peace and Harmony on October 7, 2018.

Indian Origin Community

The beginning of Indian presence in Zimbabwe goes back to about 1890 when Indian plantation workers in apartheid South Africa crossed over to the then Southern Rhodesia. At present the number of Zimbabweans of Indian origin, who are predominantly from the province of Gujarat, is estimated at about 9,000. The community has formed societies on religious lines, though they live in harmony. This PIO community has mainly engaged itself in retail trade or export-import business, while the younger generations have mostly moved out of the country for better opportunities as professionals. A few hundred PIOs hold British/Australian passports.

As regards the expatriate Indian community, their number is 500. Some of them are on long term business/work permits while most are professionals engaged in computer software, accountancy, banking, etc.

By and large, the Indian community is well respected in Zimbabwe and has maintained cordial relations with the majority community. Senator K. G. Patel was a member of the Politburo and Central Committee of the ruling party, he died in 2011 and was given Hero's status in 2012. Mr. Bharat Patel is a Supreme Court Judge, Justice (Retd.) Justice Ahmed Ebrahim was awarded Pravasi Bhartiya Samman in 2004. Justice

Bharat Patel, a PIO and High Court Judge, was appointed the judge of the Supreme Court of Zimbabwe in May 2013. Mr Raj Modi who was elected as ZANU-PF Member of Parliament from Bulawayo South has been appointed as Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce in September 2018.

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