

## **Bilateral relations with Chad(concurrently accredited)**

### **POLITICAL RELATIONS:**

Relations between India and Chad are very cordial and India enjoys great goodwill and admiration in the Republic of Chad. High level contacts and cooperation between India and Chad have picked up since 2004 with many bilateral Visits & High level interactions. The details of visits may be seen at **Annexure**.

2. Chadian President Idriss Deby Itno visited New Delhi, India for the India-Africa Summit-III from October 26-30, 2015. During his visit, Chadian President called on our Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Chadian President was accompanied by 32 member delegation comprising of Minister of Foreign Affairs and African Integration; Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Minister of Planning and International Coop; Mrs. Mariam Mahamat Nour, Minister of Infrastructures, Opening Up and Transports; Mr. Adoum Younous and Minister of Economy, Commerce and Tourism Development, Mr. Aziz Mahamat Saleh besides other high-level officials.

3. Earlier MoS(HRD), Prof. Ram Shankar Katheria, visited Chad on 13-14, 2015 as Special Envoy to PM to hand over letters of invitation from Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed to Chadian President Idriss Deby Itno to participate in the India-Africa-Forum Summit(IAFS-III) scheduled in New Delhi in October 2015. Prime Minister of Chad, Mr. Kalzeubet Pahimi Deubet received MoS(HRD) on behalf of Chadian President on 14 July, 2015 and accepted the letter of invitation addressed to the Chadian President. Chadian Foreign Minister Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat personally received the invitation letter addressed to him by Hon'ble EAM.

4. A 3-member Exim Bank team comprising Mrs. Kashira Pavri, Chief Manager, Mrs. Preeti Bafna, Manager and its Resident Representative in Abidjan, Shri Pushpesh Tyagi, visited Chad from 7-10 November to monitor projects financed under Gol-supported Lines of Credit to Chad. Shri M.S. Kanyal, Counsellor(E&C) from the Mission had also joined the Exim Bank team to follow up the LOC related projects, training programmes under IAFS-III, and Duty Free Tariff Preference (DFTP) scheme for Chad as LDC country, etc.

5. There is good scope for mutually beneficial co-operation in hydrocarbon, infrastructure and capacity building sectors with Chad. The country is a member of TEAM-9 initiative (Techno-Economic Approach for African Movement) comprising eight West and Central African countries seeking to benefit in technical and economic spheres through cooperation with India. Chad has been a beneficiary of Indian Lines of Credit of US\$ 50 million for five projects which they highly appreciate.

### **COMMERCIAL & TRADE RELATIONS:**

6. During past few years India's direct bilateral trade with Chad has surged from small base, but yet remains below the potential. Evidence on ground suggests considerable presence of Indian goods largely imported via Dubai, Cameroon and Nigeria. Despite reminders, Chad has not yet signed Duty Free Preferential Tariffs offered by Gol to Least Developed Countries.

7. Our exports to Chad have been steadily increasing. During the period of 2015-16, our exports have increased by 6% to US\$44.49 million as against

US\$40.68 million in 2014-15. Our Imports have recorded a quantum jump by 411% to US\$320.87 million during the period 2015-16 as against US\$62.77 million in 2015-16 as India has started sourcing crude oil from Chad, amounting to US\$310.30 million.

### **India – Chad Bilateral Trade Statistics**

(Value in US \$ million)

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
<b>India's Export</b>	11.90	39	46	32.90 (-28%)	40.68 (+23%)	43.49 (+6%)
<b>India's Import</b>	0.57	0.15	157.15*	30.06 (-73%)	62.77 (+52%)	320.87 (+411%)

#### **Indian Companies in Chad:**

8. Indian economic presence in Chad received a boost in June 2010 through Airtel's \$1 billion acquisition of Zain Telecom. Airtel is now Chad's biggest network and is investing \$ 100 million in expansion of the network. Some Indian private companies are in the process of starting ventures in the pharmaceutical, foodstuffs, restaurants, and edible oil, etc. sectors in Chad. Some Indian companies based in Nigeria and Tanzania are also exploring opportunities for investment in Chad. Bharat Heavy Industries have supplied 331 Kilometres of pipes for the oil refinery project. There is considerable untapped potential for bilateral co-operation in hydrocarbons, mining, agriculture and infrastructure sectors.

9. A high-level Indian business delegation of 7 reputed companies representing Energy, Mines, Pharmaceutical products, Telecommunication & IT, Tourism, Infrastructure and Defense sectors visited N'Djamena, Chad on 7-11 December, 2015. During their stay in Chad, the business delegation had meetings with the Chadian Prime Minister, Ministers of Commerce, Telecommunications, Agriculture, Civil Aviation, Defence and Infrastructure besides meeting Chamber of Commerce and Chadian businessmen. The delegation was received by our Honorary Consul, who also arranged all the meetings for the visiting delegation.

#### **BILATERAL INDIAN GRANTS/LINE OF CREDIT:**

10. The republic of Chad has been a recipient of many our assistance programmes. The details may be seen here under:

- GOI donated 5,000 metric tonnes of rice to Chad in 2004.
- In July 2005, GOI approved EXIM lines of credit totalling US\$ 50 million under the TEAM-9 initiative for 5 projects in Chad pertaining to: (a) Bicycle manufacturing plant; (b) plant for manufacturing and assembly of agricultural tractors, power tillers, trailers and implements; (c) steel billet plant and rolling mill; (d) cotton yarn plant, and (e) a fruit juice plant.
- A GoI Line of Credit of \$ 40.32 million approved for the following four projects became operational after signing of agreement on January 19, 2012:
  - (a) Rural Electrification Project (solar energy) (\$ 15 million)
  - (b) Extension of spinning mill (addition of weaving & processing capacities) (\$ 15.90 m)

- (c) Compost Production Unit (\$ 7.20 million)  
(d) Production Unit for Livestock Feed (\$ 2.22 million)  
(Exim Bank vide letter dated 14/11/2013 conveyed substitution of (c) & (d) with Animal Feed Plant (US\$9.3 million).  
(e) Another Line of Credit of \$ 18.08 million has been approved by Government of India in May 2012 for pharmaceutical manufacturing plant which has been duly signed by two sides. Chad is looking forward to more such credit facilities.

11. **Pan African e-Network**: Chadian government signed in 2009 an MoU paving the way for their participation in Pan African e-Network. The installation of the network has commenced in Chad and a TCIL expert has been deployed in Ndjamena.

## **ITEC & CULTURE**

12. Till 2006-07, Chad was allotted 5 slots under ITEC (Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation) Programme. Since the first India-Africa Forum Summit in 2008, the ITEC quota for Chad has progressively risen from 20 slots in 2011-12 (4 utilised) to 25 slots in 2012-13 (8 utilised). The country has been awarded 25 ITEC slots in 2013-14 due to language constraints 7 have been utilised. During 2014-15, only one slot was utilised against 25 slots allocated for the year. The number of slots for 2015-16 has also been kept at 25. A Chadian diplomat participated in the 55<sup>th</sup> Professional Course for Foreign Diplomats (PCFD) organized by the Indian Ministry of External Affairs in August 2012 in New Delhi. Separately, for past few years, a number of Chadian youth have been availing of Hindi language training fellowships in India.

### **Indian Community:**

13. About 200 Indians work in Chad in oil projects, international organisations, missionaries, Airtel operations and foreign trade. There have been some cases of maltreatment of Indians in hands of local employers and authorities. In February 2008, due to rebel attacks on N'djamena, High Commission facilitated evacuation of Indian community from Chad. Following return to more peaceful conditions, most of them returned to Chadian capital. Indian Honorary Consul: Mr. Badaoui Tidjani was appointed as India's Honorary Consul w.e.f. September 2013.

### **Air Connectivity:**

14. There are no direct air connections between India and Chad. Airlines serving Chad include Air France, Ethiopian airlines, Asky and Kenyan Airways. There are two flights a week from Paris to Chad and several times a week from Addis Ababa and Nairobi with connections to India.

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## Visits from Chad to India

Mr. Nagoum Yamassoum, Deputy PM & Foreign Minister	March 2-4, 2005 - visited New Delhi for the first ever India-Africa Project Partnership conclave.
Mr. Routouang Yoma Golom, Min. of Commerce & Industry Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Mines & Energy	March 23-25, 2005- Visit to New Delhi to discuss projects under the TEAM-9 initiative October 2006 – led a large delegation led by participated at the CII Conclave
Minister of Mines & Energy & Minister of Com, Ind. & Crafts	August 2007 – led a 5-member team to CII Conclave in Abidjan
Mr. Emmanuel Nadingar, Minister of Petroleum of Chad	Nov6-7, 2007 – led the team to <b>3<sup>rd</sup> India-Africa Hydrocarbon Conference &amp; Exhibition</b> , New Delhi.
Mr. Mahamat Abdoulaye Mahamat, Minister of Trade & Industry	Met MOS (AS) in July 2008 in Dakar to seek closer cooperation and enhanced Team-9 assistance from India and possible visit by his President.
Mr. Mahamat Bechir Okormi, MOS for Foreign Affairs & Mr. Youssouf Abassalah, Minister of Commerce & Industry	September 4-8, 2010 - led 7- member delegation for discussions with MOS (PK),. Foreign Office Consultations Protocol signed during the visit
Mr. Mahamat Bechir Okormi, MOS for Foreign Affairs	February 2011 Participated in the LDC Foreign Ministers' Meet in New Delhi.
Mr. Mahamat Ali Hassan, Minister Planning, Economy and International Cooperation	January 18-20 2012 – visited New Delhi in connection with signing of an agreement for another GOI Line of Credit of \$ 40.32 million
Mr. Hamid M. Dahalob, Minister Com & Ind. and Mr. Gata Ngoulou, Minister, President's office	March 17-19, 2013 –along with a business delegation attended Africa-CII-Exim Bank Conclave
Mr Moussa Faki Mahamat, Minister - Foreign Affairs and African Integration	August 13, 2013 – visited New Delhi. EAM and MOS (PK) had discussions. Chadian Government has decided to open a Resident Mission in New Delhi.
Mr. Hamid Mahamat Dahalob, Minister of Trade and Industry	September 30 to October 01, 2013 –visited Jo-burg, for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> India-Africa Trade Ministers meeting.
Mr. Idriss Deby, President of Chad	October 26-30, 2015 to participate in India-Africa Forum Summit(IAFS-III)

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Mrs. Preeti Kaur, MOS for External Affairs	January 2011 – met with Chad Foreign Minister, Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat on the sidelines of AU Summit in Addis Ababa.
Shri Arun Yadav, MoS (Agriculture)	May 10 2011 - paid a courtesy call on Chadian President Idriss Deby Itno in Ndjamen to deliver Hon'ble PM's letter of invitation for the second Africa India Forum Summit.
A cotton delegation from	30 May to 1 June, 2012 - visited Chad and had

IL&FS of India	meetings with relevant Chadian officials.
Prof. Ram Shankar Katheria, MoS(HRD)	13-14, 2015 July 2015- The Minister visited Chad as Special Envoy to PM to hand over letters of invitation from Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to Chadian President Idriss Deby Itno to participate in the India-Africa-Forum Summit(IAFS-III) scheduled in New Delhi in October 2015.
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