

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether India and Morocco have decided to improve bilateral relations;
- (b) if so, whether any agreements in this regard were reached and signed during the Morocco's Prime Minister visit to India recently;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the agreements are likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a),(b),(c) & (d) Prime Minister of Morocco Abderrahmane El Youssefi paid a State visit to India from 21-25 February. A number of Agreements were signed during his visit. These include the Agreement on Merchant Shipping and Related Maritime Matters; the Memorandum of Understanding in the field of Geology and Mining and the Agreement between Prasar Bharti, Doordarshan and the Radiodiffusion Television Marocaine (RTM). In addition, an agreement was initialled between the Confederation of Indian Industry and its Moroccan counterpart organisation to form a Joint Business Council. Steps are being taken to implement the above mentioned agreements and Memoranda of Understanding.