

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR MINERALS
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the name of countries with which international co-operation has been established in the field of minerals; and
- (b) the salient features of the co-operation established?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

- (a) The Government has signed Agreements/Memorandum of Understandings (MOU) with the Governments of France, South Africa, Vietnam, Mongolia, Morocco and Canada with a view to facilitate bilateral cooperation in the fields of geology and mineral resources.
- (b) The above Agreements/MOUs envisage bilateral cooperation programmes in research and development, technologies and training of personnel in the fields of mineral exploration and development.