

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:189
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2003
VISIT OF SENEGALESE PRESIDENT
BODAKUNTI VENKATESHWARLU; BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Senegalese President visited India recently:
- (b) if so, the details of the discussions held between the two countries:
- (c) whether Indian investors have been invited to tap the Senegal market :
- (d) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government:
- (e) whether the Senegal Government have sought India's help to set up a university there: and
- (f) if so, the response of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Both sides discussed measures to increase bilateral cooperation as well as cooperation between India and African Union.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) Government of India would encourage Chambers of Commerce as well as private companies to tap Senegalese market.
- (e) Senegalese Government has sought Government of India's help in the field of Education.
- (f) Government of India has offered all possible assistance in this regard.