

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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POLICY FOR AFRICAN NATIONS

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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has formed any policy to get engaged with the resource rich African nations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of Indian Government's participation in the infrastructure development projects in Africa; and
- (d) the details of major projects bagged by Indian Government in the past year from Africa?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a): Yes.

(b): To add a new vigour to our relationship with Africa, India hosted the first ever India- Africa Forum Summit (IAFS) in April, 2008 at New Delhi. This Summit built upon the foundations of the historical relationship that exists between India and Africa, and designed a new architecture for a structured engagement and cooperation between India and Africa in the 21st century. A Framework of Cooperation for implementation of the Action Plan under India- Africa Forum Summit was launched with the African Union in March, 2010 in New Delhi, which gave a detailed roadmap for implementation of the commitments made by India at the Summit. Extending help to the African countries in their quest for development and attaining an all inclusive growth has been an important tenet of India's foreign policy initiatives on Africa over the past several decades.

(c): From 2003 to 2008, India has extended Lines of Credit worth US \$ 2.15 billion to African countries, mostly for infrastructure development projects bilaterally and through regional initiatives. India has committed additional lines of credit amounting to US \$ 5.4 billion to Africa over the period 2009-2013 under India-Africa Forum Summit-2008. A List of LOC's granted by India for infrastructure development projects in Africa, in the year 2009-2010 is annexed.

To bridge the digital divide and for the benefit of the people of Africa, India established the Pan-African e-network project for 53 African countries.

(d): A statement containing details of projects bagged by Indian Public Sector companies in Africa in the past year is also annexed.