

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of establishing the India Development Foundation (IDF); and
- (b) the benefits gained by India as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (GENERAL V.K. SINGH (RETD.))

(a) The India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians (IDF-OI) is a "not for profit Trust" established in 2008 by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs to serve as a credible institutional avenue to enable overseas Indians to engage in philanthropy to supplement India's social development efforts.

Objectives of IDF-OI are to:

1. Lead overseas Indian philanthropy into India.
2. Provide a list of credible institutions, projects and programmes to NRIs/PIOs.
3. Function as a clearing house for all philanthropy related information on India.
4. Partner with and encourage credible philanthropic organizations in the sectors that best match need based philanthropy.

(b) IDF-OI has helped in channelizing contributions from overseas Indian donors towards social development projects in Assam, Rajasthan and Gujarat in the areas of water conservation, rainwater harvesting, education and mainstreaming of differently abled children, women's education and sustainable livelihood.