

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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AID TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES
Chakravarty Smt. Bijoya

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has been providing aid to many African countries through development partnership;
- (b) if so, the nature of assistance provided to these African countries, country-wise;
- (c) the amount of aid given to each African country during the last three years, year and country-wise; and
- (d) the benefits that have accrued to India from such development partnerships with African countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) India's development assistance to African countries, both on bilateral basis as well as under the India Africa Forum Summit mechanism, has taken diverse forms such as establishment of capacity building institutions, execution of economic and industrial projects, provision of consultancy services, deputation of experts, provision of training both civil and military and scholarships under the schemes of Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC)/ Special Commonwealth Assistance for Africa Programme (SCAAP) in areas such as accounts, audit, tele-communications, English, management, rural development, environment etc. at premier institutes in India. A list showing the amount of aid/assistance given to each African country during last three years is annexed.

(d) India's relations with countries of the African continent are traditional. Cooperation between these two developing economic entities seeks to foster friendship and understanding amongst our peoples.