

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether India is one of the founding members of the UN Democracy Fund (UNDEF);
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the objectives of UNDEF;
- (c) the amount contributed by the Government since inception of UNDEF, year-wise; and
- (d) the details of funds spent, project and country-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes.

(b) India is one of the founding members of the UN Democracy Fund which was established in 2005. The overall purpose of UNDEF is to support democratization around the world by funding projects that strengthen the voice of civil society, promote human rights, and encourage the participation of all in democratic processes.

(c) India has contributed a cumulative amount of US Dollars 31.56 million till date to the UN Democracy Fund (UNDEF).

(d) According to the information made available by UNDEF, it has funded around 500 projects in more than 110 countries. The projects are in six main areas – Community Development, Rule of Law and Human Rights, Tools for Democratization, Women, Youth and Media.