

India – Guinea Relations

Relations between India and Republic of Guinea have been cordial and friendly. India had opened an Embassy in Conakry, Guinea, but closed it after more than 2 decades in 1988. Guinea now has concurrent accreditation of Ambassador of India to Cote d'Ivoire with residence in Abidjan. Guinea opened its Embassy in New Delhi in April 2012.

Important Visits from India to Guinea

2. Major visits from India include the visit of Mrs Preneet Kaur, MoS (External Affairs) [MOS (PK)] on 21-22 January 2014. This was the first Ministerial visit after the closure of Indian Embassy in Conakry in 1988. MoS (Drinking Water and Sanitation) Shri. Ram Kripal Yadav visited Guinea on 12-13 July 2015.

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3. President Ahmed Sekou Toure had visited Delhi for the NAM Summit in Delhi in 1983.

4. A delegation comprising Ministers of Industry, SMEs and Promotion of Private Sector; Employment; Technical Education and Vocational Training; and Health participated in the 10th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave held in New Delhi in March 2014. Another delegation consisting of Ministers of Energy; Health; Employment; Technical Education and Vocational Training; and Agriculture attended the 9th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave in March 2013.

5. There have been fairly regular visits to India by Guinean Ministers to participate in International Conferences. Foreign Minister participated in International Peace, Non-Violence and Empowerment in January 2007. Minister of Transport visited to follow up matters relating to line of credit to ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID) in March 2008. Minister of Foreign Affairs and Guineans Abroad, Dr. Edouard Nyankoye Lama participated in India-LDC Ministerial Conference on "Harnessing the Positive Contribution of South-South Cooperation for Development of Least Developed Countries" in February 2011. The Industry Minister Mrs. R Bah participated in CII Partnership Summit 2013 held in Agra from 27-29 January 2013.

6. President Prof. Alpha Conde visited India to participate in the 3rd India-Africa Forum Summit in October 2015, immediately after the presidential elections.

COMMERCIAL:

Bilateral trade (In million US\$)

Year	Exports	Imports	Total
2010-11	96.40	103.22	199.62
2011-12	131.94	262.23	394.16
2012-13	206.07	527.83	733.90
2013-14	203.42	194.40	397.82
2014-15	283.81	729.69	1,013.50
2015-16	278.57	370.05	648.62
2016-17	354.95	279.20	634.15

7. Major Indian exports include cereals (rice), drugs and pharmaceuticals, textile, transport equipment, paints /chemicals, iron & steel, and construction equipment. Major Indian imports include pearls/stones/jewellery, mineral fuels & bitumen, cashew, scrap metals, aluminum, etc.

Indian Investment in Guinea

8. A few Indians have established manufacturing, trading, mining and agricultural businesses. There have also been substantive investments in mining and health sector in the last two years.

Indian Assistance

9. India has been providing assistance to Guinea over the years in the form of grants and credit. Guinea has also availed Indian LOC of US\$ 28.51 million through ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID) for importing 100 buses from India (US\$ 8.1 million) and for rehabilitation and extension of the electricity networks in Guinea (US\$ 20 million). GOI also extended bilateral assistance of US\$ 50,000 to Guinea and cash assistance of US\$ 500,000 to WHO as well as contribution of US\$ 10 million to UN Fund for Ebola and additional US\$ 2 million for purchase of protective gear to tackle Ebola for the three Ebola affected countries of West Africa including Guinea and Liberia. Currently, Indian is providing a line of credit worth US \$ 35 million to construct four regional hospitals in Guinea. The PAN African e-Network project of India has been in operation in Guinea.

10. Guinea has been allotted 30 slots under the Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme in the current year. The Government of India through Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) have also provided 6 undergraduate/post graduate fully paid scholarships.

Culture:

11. In February 2013, ICCR sponsored a 8 member cultural troupe from Guinea to participate in Suraj Kund Art and Craft Mela. Under Festival of India, the Government of India is organising a cultural performance in Conakry in October 2017.

Indian Community:

12. The Indian community in Guinea comprises about 700 persons. It is mainly involved in trading or working in trading companies. There is one Gurudwara cum Hindu temple in Conakry which is used by all Indians for their religious functions and gatherings.

Useful Resources:

Embassy of India, Abidjan website: <http://www.eoiabidjan.org>.

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/EOICOTEDIVOIRE/>

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