

India - Guinea Relations

1. Political

Relations between India and Guinea are cordial and friendly. No major visits from India have taken place to Guinea for the past 12 years, while six Ministerial visits have taken place from Guinea to India since 2005, including that of the Minister of Mines and Energy in 2005, former Foreign Affairs Minister in January 2007 to participate in International Peace, Non-Violence and Empowerment, Minister of Transport in March 2008 to follow up matter of LOC to EBID, and most recently the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Guineans Abroad, Dr. Edouard Nyankoye Lama in February 2011 to participate in the India-LDC Ministerial Conference on "Harnessing the Positive Contribution of South-South Cooperation for Development of Least Developed Countries".

2. India's Assistance

India donated fifty electric transformers with a capacity between 250 to 400 KVA at a total cost of `1,76,75,000 to assist Guinea solve its electricity problem. Guinean government has availed EXIM Bank's LOC of US\$ 8.51 mn through EBID for importing 100 buses from India. Guinea signed an MoU with TCIL Ltd. for implementation of PAN African e-Network project in October 2006. The project is near completion.

3. Trade and Economic Cooperation

Indo-Guinea bilateral trade during the last four years is as follows:

	Exports				Imports			
Year	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Amount (in US\$)	130.30	78.52	79.35	86.31	685.75	288.77	320.24	103.22

Major Indian exports include drugs and pharmaceuticals, transport equipments, paints, plastic and linoleum products and construction equipments and major import commodities, include cashew nuts metals (ores and scrap) etc.

4. ITEC

Guinea has been allotted 25 slots under ITEC for the year 2011-12. However, 11 training slots out of 25 have been utilized so far.

5. Indian Community

The Indian community in Guinea comprises of about 270 persons, mainly from trade and industry and missionaries. Shri Ashok Vaswani is the India's Honorary Consul in Conakry since 1989.

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