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India-Luxembourg Bilateral Relations

Political

India and Luxembourg enjoy warm, close and friendly ties since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1948. **India and Luxembourg will celebrate 70 years of establishing diplomatic relations in 2018.**

Luxembourg opened its Embassy in Delhi in 2002 and has Honorary Consulates in Chennai, Kolkata and Mumbai.

High Level Visits from India

President Shri K.R. Narayanan paid a State visit to Luxembourg from 14 to 16 September 1998.

Minister of State for External Affairs Smt. Preneet Kaur, visited Luxembourg on April 18, 2012.

Minister of State (IC) for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shri Prakash Javadekar visited Luxembourg to attend the Major Economies Forum, from July 18-19, 2015.

Minister of State for External Affairs Gen. (Retd) Dr. V. K. Singh led the Indian delegation to the 12th Asia-Europe Foreign Ministers meeting held in Luxembourg from November 4-7, 2015.

Union Minister of Steel, Shri. Chaudhary Birender Singh visited Luxembourg from August 28-29, 2016.

High Level Visits from Luxembourg

The then Grand Duke Jean (father of incumbent Grand Duke Henri) visited India in March 1983 along with the Grand Duchess, as the Chairman of the International Olympic Committee.

Incumbent Grand Duke Henri led an economic delegation to India in May 1995 as the then Crown Prince.

Mr Georges Wohlfart, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Luxembourg visited India in October 1995, May 1996 and April 1997.

Deputy Prime Minister of Luxembourg Jacques Poos visited India from 9-13 September 1996.

Mr. Jeannot Krecke, Luxembourg's Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade led an economic delegation to India in 2007 and 2010.

Prime Minister Jean Claude Juncker paid an official visit to India in 1999.

Mr. Luc Frieden, Minister of Budget and Treasury visited India in January 2007.

Foreign Minister Jean Asselborn attended the 11th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in New Delhi in November 2013.

Foreign Minister Jean Asselborn paid an official visit to India in March 2015.

Deputy Prime Minister of Luxembourg (in-charge of economy) Mr. Etienne Schneider led a trade mission to India from February 29-March 4, 2016.

Minister for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure, Mr. Francois Bausch, visited India on 11-16 November 2017 to attend the International Road Federation (IRF) World Road meeting.

Visits of Parliamentary Delegations

Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha Smt. Meira Kumar led a high level Parliamentary Delegation to Luxembourg from June 10-13, 2010 and held bilateral consultations with the Prime Minister of Luxembourg Mr. Jean Claude Juncker.

The President of the Chamber of Deputies of Luxembourg Mr. Laurent Mosar led a Parliamentary delegation to India from 28 February - 2 March 2012.

Economic & Commercial relations

The 15th session of the Joint Economic Commission (JEC) between India and the Belgian-Luxembourg Economic Union (BLEU) was held on 29 May 2017 in Luxembourg. The JEC was co-Chaired by Mr. Gaston Stronck, Director for European and International Economic Affairs of the Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs and Mr. Gregoire Curvelier, Deputy Director General for Bilateral Affairs in the Belgian Foreign Ministry on the BLEU side and Ms. Anita Praveen, Joint Secretary Department of Commerce, on the Indian side. The two sides held discussions on wide areas of mutual interest to take economic and trade engagement forward.

The bilateral trade between India and Luxembourg stood at " 54.46 million (US\$ 60.45 million) during January-December 2016 with India's exports to Luxembourg amounting to " 8.94 million (US\$ 9.92 million) and India's import from Luxembourg amounting " 42.52 million (US\$ 47.20 million). India's exports to Luxembourg mainly constituted of engineering products, textiles and garments, and chemicals while India mainly imported engineering goods, base metals, chemicals.

FDI flows from Luxembourg to India between April 2000 and September 2017 amounted to US\$ 2,227 million making it the 15th largest investor in India. Luxembourg invests in computer software/hardware, chemicals, steel and in the automobiles sectors.

Presently 17 Luxembourg companies are operating in India.

Paul Wurth (a Luxembourg company), has been in India for the last two decades and playing an important role in upgrading the steel sector in India.

Other important Luxembourg based companies in India are: Arcelor Mittal, Domestic, CNPV Solar Power and Koch Chemical Technology Group (John Zink International Luxembourg).

Luxembourg presents huge opportunities to Indian IT companies interested in serving the EU market. Major Indian IT companies - TCS, Damco solutions, Tech Mahindra and Wipro have been operating in Luxembourg.

In March 2009, an Indian Business Chamber of Luxembourg (IBCL) was constituted to promote commercial relations between India and Luxembourg. The Chamber facilitates business activities and assists Indian companies in the setting up of business ventures in Luxembourg.

Luxembourg is one of the world's most important financial centers. 74 Indian companies have raised capital by issuing Global Depositary Receipts (GDRs) at the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. It includes top Indian companies, such as Reliance Industries, Tata, Larsen & Toubro and Hindalco. Total market capitalisation of Indian GDRs listed in Luxembourg has reached Euro 12.789 billion.

Chennai is the Indian hub for Luxembourg's all-cargo airline Cargolux, Europe's leading all-cargo airline. Mumbai has also been added to Cargolux network recently. An aviation agreement was signed in 2004 to formalize this relationship.

Cultural Relations

India and Luxembourg signed a Cultural Agreement in New Delhi on 10 September 1996 for promoting and encouraging bilateral cooperation in the field of arts and culture including exchange of artists, dance and music troupes.

Indian Community

The Indian Diaspora in Luxembourg consists of highly skilled workers and numbers around 1200. There are nearly 500 Indian passport holders who work in Arcelor-Mittal, Amazon, Tata Consultancy Services, Good Year, Temenos; Banks such as in BNP, HSBC and other services sectors. Indian students are pursuing research and post-doctoral studies in the University of Luxembourg.

Indian Association in Luxembourg celebrated twenty-five years of its establishment in October 2016. Prime Minister of Luxembourg and Secretary of State for Culture joined the celebrations.

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