

India-Gambia Relations

Political Relations:

Bilateral relations between India and Gambia are good, marked by cooperation in Non- Aligned Movement and United Nations. The Gambia is the only Anglophone country amongst those covered by this Mission.

Commercial Relations / Bilateral trade:

<i>Value in Million US\$</i>				
Year	India's Exports	India's Imports	Total Trade	Growth in %
2010-2011	41.70	14.73	56.42	-14.42
2011-2012	64.21	40.16	104.37	84.97
2012-2013	55.56	30.31	85.87	-17.72
2013-2014	85.13	29.20	114.33	33.14
2014-2015	73.53	36.08	109.61	-4.13

Source: Export Import Database, Department of Commerce, Government of India

The major items exported by India to The Gambia include cotton yarn, fabrics & made-ups, cosmetics/toiletries, drugs & pharmaceuticals and semi-finished Iron & steel products whereas Gambia's main items of export to India are raw cashew and cotton.

ITEC and other training and assistance programmes:

For the financial year 2015-16, 35 slots have been allotted to Gambia under ITEC whereas 30 Scholarship slots have been provided under ICCR. The Pan-African E-Network Project, implemented by Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL) is operational in The Gambia.

Grants/Credits:

India has extended two concessionary lines of credit of around US\$ 6.7 million for a tractor assembly plant project and US \$ 10 million for the construction of National Assembly Building complex respectively. An amount of US\$ 16.88 million has been approved as credit for completion of the construction of National Assembly. Most recently, in July 2014, India granted two LOCs, each of US \$22.5 Million for Expansion of Electricity Project in Greater Banjul Area and Replacement of Asbestos Water Pipes by UPVC Pipes in Greater Banjul Area respectively. In April 2015, India has extended US \$92 million LOC for expansion of Banjul port in Gambia and US \$10 million for the Gambia Rural Electrification Extension Project.

India's Duty Free Tariff Preference (DFTP) scheme is applicable for import of select commodities from The Gambia. A Solar Electrification Project in two villages of The Gambia namely Kankurang and Kafenkeng was installed by an Indian NGO which was inaugurated in September 2007 by the Gambian Vice-President, Dr. Aja Isatou Njie-Saidy. In August 2010, during the visit of H.E. Dr. Mamadou Tangara, the then Foreign Minister of the Republic of The Gambia, the Government of India announced extending of a grant of US Dollars five hundred thousand to the Republic of The Gambia for providing equipment in the health and education sectors. Necessary procedures for supply of the equipment in this regard are under way. A Vocational Training Centre is planned to be setup with the assistance of National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) of India. The Centre, once established, would provide training in disciplines such as plumbing, welding, electrical, construction sector, carpentry, draftsman-ship, survey, plastic technology demonstration cum training, ICT, agro and food processing, gem-stones cutting and polishing etc.

NRI Population:

The approximate number of Indian nationals in The Gambia is 600 (six hundred). They are mostly engaged in trading and private business including construction sector and play an important role in The Gambia's retail economy.

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