Brief on India – Central African Republic relations

I - Political Relations:

India and the Central African Republic [CAR] enjoy friendly relations. The Central African Republic generally supports India's candidature at various international forums. Both countries are keen to strengthen the existing relations.

Visits from the Central African Republic to India:

High-level visits:

H.E.Mr. Faustin-Archange Touadera, then Prime Minister and current President of the Central African Republic, visited New Delhi in March 2012, as head of a high level delegation comprising six Cabinet Ministers [Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Transport, Minister of Energy and Hydraulic, Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development, Minister of Commerce and Minister and Director of Cabinet to President]. H.E. Mr. Touadera attended the 8th CII-Exim Bank Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnership. CAR was the 'Country of Honour' at the conclave. He called on Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

Ministerial visits from the Central African Republic to India:

(i) A delegation led by Minister of Small & Medium Enterprises and consisting of Deputy Minister for Finance and Adviser to the President of CAR took part in the 6th CII-EXIM Bank conclave held on 14-16 March 2010; **(ii)** Minister of Economic Planning and International Cooperation, Minister for Energy and Minister for Communications participated in the 7th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave held from 27-29 February 2011; **(iii)** H.E. Lt. Gen. Antoine Gambi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, participated in the 7th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave and LDC Foreign Ministers Conference in February 2011; **(iv)** H.E. Mr. Parfait Anicent Mbay, second Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Integration, Francophone and Central Africans Abroad participated in the 9th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave from 17-19 March 2013; **(v)** The Minister of Energy led the CAR delegation to New Delhi for the Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention from 29 September – 2 October 2018; **(vi)** A two-member delegation led by H.E. Mr. Mahamat Taib Yacoub, Minister of Trade and Industry, visited Delhi for the informal WTO Ministerial Meeting held on 13-14 May, 2019; **(vii)** A 5-member delegation, led by H.E. Mr. Rameaux Claude Bireau, Minister of National Defence visited Gandhinagar (India) on 18-22 October 2022, for DefExpo 2022 and 2nd India-Africa Defence Dialogue.

Other visits from the Central African Republic to India: (i) A delegation of senior officials from the Ministry of Mines, Energy and Hydrocarbons of the Central African Republic visited India from 5-11 November 2007 to participate in the India-Africa Conference and Exhibition on Hydrocarbons; **(ii)** Ms.

Gaudeuille Nee Medou Juliene Desiree, delegate from CAR attended the 3rd India-Africa Forum Summit held in New Delhi from 26-30 October 2015; **(iii)** A four-member CAR delegation, led by Mr. Cyprien Ouilibona, DG of Industry, visited New Delhi on 19 November 2019; **(iv)** A 3-member delegation led by H.E. Mr. Jean Pierre Dolle Waya, Army Chief of CAR, participated in DefExpo 2020 from 5-9 February 2020;

Voice of Global South Summit (virtual):

(i) H.E. Mme. Mboua Nee Lea Douyassoum Doumta, Minister of Commerce, participated virtually in the Commerce Minister's session of the 1st VOGSS virtual on 13 January 2023, organized jointly by Ministry of Commerce, and Ministry of External Affairs, GoI. **(ii)** CAR was part of the Health Ministers' session for the 3rd VoGSS in August 2024, and the Minister was represented by Dr. Samuel Gondje, Head of Defence Health division of the Ministry concerned, virtually.

MoUs: **(i)** A Protocol on Foreign Office Consultations was signed on 3 September 2010; **(ii)** An MoU was signed for setting up an Information Technology Centre of Excellence (CETI) in Bangui in March 2010; **(iii)** An MoU was signed for setting up two work stations under the Hole-in-the-Wall Education project on 3 September 2010.

II - Economic and Commercial Relations:

The Central African Republic has huge natural resources such as diamond, gold, uranium, timber, oil and hydropower. The bilateral trade figures in USD million are given below:

Year	Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Trade balance
2021 - 2022	20.13	0.18	20.31	19.95
2022 - 2023	20.85	2.65	23.50	18.20
2023 - 2024	65.25	0.24	65.49	65.01
2024 - 2025	11.85	131.54	143.38	-119.69
April 2025 – January 2026	9.65	0.30	9.95	9.35

(Source: Department of Commerce, GoI)

The main commodities of exports from India to CAR are mineral fuels, pharmaceutical products, chemical products, articles of iron/steel, vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling stock, plastics, food items (cereals, flour, milk sugar, confectionery etc), machinery etc. The main commodities of imports by India from CAR are wood articles, articles of leather, tools implements, etc.

III - Development Partnership / Grants:

(i) In August 2008, GoI approved a Line of Credit (LoC) of US$ 29.5 million for utilization for: (a) Construction and commissioning of a 400 MT/day cement plant – (US$ 24 million); and (b) for procurement of 100 buses for internal transport (US$ 5.5 million); **(ii)** LOC of US$ 20 million was extended for limestone mining for the cement plant in Bangui; **(iii)** During 2017-18, LOC for US$ 39.69 million for two hydro-electric projects was signed with Government of CAR

(i) Two Hole-in-the-Wall Learning Stations were successfully commissioned in Bangui under the aid programme of the Ministry. The project was inaugurated on 31 August 2011 by H.E. Mr. Faustin-Archange Touadera, the Prime Minister of CAR. The Pan African e-network project has been implemented in CAR. Tele-education, Tele-medicine and VVIP connectivity have been set up in Bangui.

IV - Capacity building programmes / scholarships:

24 slots under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation programme (ITEC) have been utilized till date. 1 slot of IAFS was utilized in 2012-13. 4 women availed of ITEC training in solar electrification and rooftop water harvesting course at Barefoot College, Rajasthan during 2014-15.

V - Cultural Relations:

A 13-member cultural group from CAR participated in the Surajkund International Crafts Mela held in India in January-February 2026.

VI - Indian Community in Central African Republic:

There are around 60 Indian nationals living in the Central African Republic, who are primarily engaged in trading activities.

VII - India and Peacekeeping in the Central African Republic:

India has contributed troops to the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) since 2014, specifically through the deployment of Formed Police Units (FPUs) and military observers.

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