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## **QUESTION NO.56 AGREEMENTS BETWEEN INDIA AND QATAR**

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## RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.56 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2016

## AGREEMENTS BETWEEN INDIA AND QATAR

\*56. SHRI ANIL DESAI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Qatar signed seven key agreements during the Prime Minister's visit recently, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) how these agreements are beneficial to each other?

## ANSWER THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. \*\*\*\*

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 56 REGARDING "AGREEMENTS BETWEEN INDIA AND QATAR" FOR ANSWER ON 21.07.2016

India and Qatar signed seven key agreements during the Prime Minister's official visit to Qatar on 4-5 June 2016. Following are the details of the agreements signed:-

1. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF),

Ministry of Finance, Government of India and Qatar Investment Authority

The MoU aims at establishing framework for facilitating participation of the Qatari institutional investors in Infrastructure projects in India under NIIF.

2. Agreement on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters between the Government of Republic of India and the Government of the State of Qatar

This agreement promotes cooperation and mutual assistance between the two countries on matters pertaining to customs administration through exchange of information and intelligence.

3. MoU between Financial Intelligence Unit – India and the Qatar Financial Information Unit concerning cooperation in the exchange of intelligence related to money laundering, terrorism-financing and related crimes

The MoU facilitates exchange of intelligence related to money laundering, terrorism-financing and related crimes and persons connected thereto.

4. MoU between the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, the Government of Republic of India and the National Qualifications Authority/Supreme Education Council, Government of the State of Qatar for Cooperation in Skill Development and Recognition of Qualifications

This MoU aims to enhance cooperation between the two countries on skill development and mutual recognition of qualifications to facilitate mobility of skilled workers from India to Qatar.

5. MoU on cooperation in Tourism between the Government of the Republic of India and Government of the State of Qatar

The MoU aims at bilateral cooperation in the field of planning and developing of tourism, through marketing and promotion as also to support cooperation between private sector stakeholders.

6. MOU between India & Qatar for Cooperation in the field of Health the Government of the Republic of India and Government of the State of Qatar

This MoU provides cooperation in areas of health, including interalia in occupational and environmental health, pharmaceuticals, medical education, exchange of the best practices in the field of primary healthcare, research in the field of health care, technology, health care system and exchange of medical experts and scientists.

7. The First Executive Programme for MoU in the field of Youth and Sports between the Government of Republic of India and Government of the State of Qatar

As a follow up to the existing MoU in the field of Youth and Sports, the first Executive Programme provides for exchanges and cooperation in sports activities, training camps for sports teams and

exchange visits of leaders and officials etc between the two countries.

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