

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF UPPER VOLTA REGARDING
ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND
SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION
New Delhi, 22 March 1976**

1. His Excellency Mr. Emmanuel Zoma, Minister for Commerce, Industrial Development and Mines visited India from 16th March to 22nd March 1976, at the invitation of Shri T.A. Pai, Minister of Industry and Civil Supplies, Government of India. H.E. Mr. Zoma was assisted in the talks by :
 - (i) H.E. Mr. P. Rouamba, Ambassador of Upper Volta to Ghana;
 - (ii) Mr. P. Tapsobha, Director, Geology & Mines; and
 - (iii) Mr. A. Benon, Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2. During his stay in India, H.E. Mr. Zoma held discussions with Shri Jagjivan Ram, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, Shri K.D. Malviya, Minister of Petroleum, Shri T.A. Pai, Minister of Industry and Civil Supplies, Prof. D.P. Chattopadhyaya, Minister of Commerce, Shri Chandrajit Yadav, Minister of Steel and Mines and Shri A.C. George, Minister of State in the Ministry of Industry and Civil Supplies. As a result of these discussions following understanding was reached :
 - (i) **INDUSTRY** : The Government of India have agreed to extend cooperation to the Government of Upper Volta for the setting up of small and medium scale industries which could include extraction of vegetable oils, tanneries, textiles, sewing thread, garment-making, food processing, ceramic, sheet glass and glassware, builders hardware and sanitary-ware. For this purpose, the Government of India would depute a small delegation of technical experts to visit Upper Volta in order to determine the specific requirements of Upper Volta, and based on the information furnished or secured during the visit, specific recommendations would be made by the Indian

experts for the consideration of the Government of Upper Volta and, thereafter, if necessary, further steps may be taken as mutually agreed between the two Governments in order to progress projects.

- (ii) **DOCTORS & PROFESSORS** : The Indian side have noted the requirement of Doctors of Medicine and Professors in various subjects for service in Upper Volta. It has, however, been indicated to the Upper Volta Delegation that the minimum qualifications of such Experts together with the number required in each category and other related information, including terms and conditions of service, if indicated, would enable the Indian side to consider the matter further.
- (iii) **AGRICULTURE** : In the field of Agriculture, it was agreed that the Government of Upper Volta would send a small delegation of Experts to visit India with the object of ascertaining the progress made in the field of community development, dry-farming, fruit and vegetable cultivation, manufacture of agricultural tools and implements. Based on the recommendations made by such a delegation, the Government of Upper Volta would make specific requests for securing India's cooperation in the field of Agriculture. In this respect, the Indian side would consider deputing Experts to Upper Volta on terms and conditions mutually agreed to.

India also agreed to consider the possibility of deputing experts to Upper Volta to assist them in the agricultural fields.

- (iv) **PETROLEUM AND MINERALS** : At the request of the Minister of Upper Volta the Indian side agreed in principle to cooperate for exploration of minerals and petroleum in Upper Volta. The Upper Volta Minister further agreed to furnish specific areas of interest in which India's assistance would be required including requirement of experts as well as job description, terms and conditions for such experts.
- (v) **TRADE AGREEMENT** : The Upper Volta delegation expressed desire to enter into a trade agreement with India. The Indian side agreed to examine their request and to convey their views at an early date.

- 3. The discussions were conducted in a friendly and cordial atmosphere reflecting the excellent relations existing between the two countries. It was agreed that further contacts could be

established between the two countries in the field of economic, technical and commercial cooperation.

DONE in New Delhi, this Twenty Second day of March, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six.

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