

**AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF
INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ON ECONOMIC,
INDUSTRIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNICAL COOPERATION**

New Delhi, 9 January 1979

The Government of the Republic of INDIA

AND

The Government of the GERMAN Democratic Republic,
HEREINAFTER referred to as "The Contracting Parties",

RECALLING with satisfaction the mutually beneficial friendly relations and the many sided cooperation between the Republic of India and the German Democratic Republic;

RECOGNISING that such cooperation contributes to the strengthening of bilateral relations;

DESIROUS of further expanding cooperation in existing fields and exploring new areas;

CONSIDERING the plans of further economic development of their countries and taking into account the capacities of the economies and foreign trade;

ACKNOWLEDGING the desirability of concluding a long-term arrangement for economic, industrial, scientific and technical cooperation;

HAVE AGREED as follows :

Article 1

The Contracting Parties undertake to make every effort to promote on a long term basis, the further development and

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diversification of economic, industrial, scientific and technical cooperation between the two countries.

For this purpose they shall support the activities of the concerned enterprises, organisations and institutions and grant all facilities necessary for such cooperation in accordance with their laws and regulations in force from time to time.

Article 2

In accordance with the possibilities and requirements of their national economies the Contracting Parties shall encourage such projects under the economic, industrial, scientific and technical cooperation as contribute to the development of the capabilities and capacities of both countries for mutual benefit.

Article 3

The Contracting Parties have agreed to diversify and expand the exchange of goods and services between them on the basis of mutual benefit in bilateral economic relations. They shall strive for at least doubling the exchange of goods between the Republic of India and the German Democratic Republic by 1985 as against the level attained in 1978.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the expansion, development and promotion of industrial cooperation taking into account the capacities of their national economies and the production potentials in both the countries.

Article 5

The economic, industrial, scientific and technical cooperation between India and the German Democratic Republic shall cover, *inter alia*, the following forms and methods :

- promotion of industrial projects by provision of capital goods and technical services;
- joint supplies, erection, commissioning and operation of plants;
- cooperation in the manufacture of industrial production;
- technical and economic studies for investment projects;
- supplies of plants and other selected projects, including the joint preparation of such studies;

- exchange of scientific and technical products, supply of know-how as well as provision of scientific and technical documentations and information;
- deputation of experts and training of personnel;
- setting up of training centres;
- joint activities in third states aiming at jointly implementing development projects there;
- exchange of information in the fields of research and development as well as other forms of cooperation in the same field which are of mutual interest.

Article 6

The fields and forms of cooperation between India and the German Democratic Republic envisaged in Article 5 may be amended, supplemented and/or concretised with the mutual consent of both Contracting Parties.

Article 7

The Contracting Parties shall encourage all activities of competent enterprises, bodies and institutions in their respective countries designed to develop cooperation with regard to transfer of technology.

Article 8

The Contracting Parties note that joint cooperation in third countries is a promising form of expanding economic relations between them. Such cooperation might be developed by means of reciprocal utilisation of the potentialities of both the Sides for joint participation in designing, construction, erection and commissioning of projects in third countries based on the principles of mutual benefit and equitable terms and conditions. For this purpose the organisations and enterprise of both countries shall inform each other of the requirements that may arise for deliveries of equipment, machines and plants and of the related projects as well as the possibility and scope of such participation.

The Government of the Republic of India hereby appoint the Ministry of Industry as competent body for the purpose of this Article.

The Government of the German Democratic Republic hereby appoint the Ministry of Foreign Trade as competent body for the purpose of this Article.

Article 9

The economic, industrial, scientific and technical cooperation under this Agreement shall be carried out on the basis of contracts to be concluded between the competent enterprises, bodies and institutions of the two countries in conformity with their respective laws and regulations.

Article 10

Any information and documentation handed over under this Agreement may only be delivered to or otherwise brought to the notice of third parties with the prior consent of the Party which made them available.

Scientific and technical results achieved with the collaboration of experts of either State in the other State shall be accessible to all parties involved in their elaboration in both States and may only be delivered to or otherwise brought to the notice of third parties by consent of all parties concerned.

Article 11

The Contracting Parties attach great importance to the conclusion of a shipping agreement between the two States as also with regard to the execution of deliveries of goods and services under this Agreement.

Article 12

The Contracting Parties agree to explore possibilities for promoting cooperation in the field of fisheries based on the principle of mutual benefit and in accordance with the rules and regulations in force from time to time in both countries.

Article 13

The Contracting Parties shall direct their respective agencies to hold such consultations as may be necessary on matters concerning Civil Aviation.

Article 14

The Contracting Parties shall promote the exchange of information between the planning agencies of the two States, particularly on the main issues of the national plans and development programmes, in the light of the growing economic relations between them.

Article 15

The Joint Commission on Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation between the Republic of India and German Democratic Republic shall guide and coordinate the implementation of this Agreement.

As a result of the continuous work of the Sub-Committees in the periods between the sessions, the Joint Commission shall direct :

- submission and study of proposals, further development of economic, industrial, scientific and technical cooperation including cooperation with third States;
- elaboration of proposals and initiation of measures for clarifying and settling problems in connection with projects to be implemented under the present Agreement.

Article 16

Any contracts concluded under this Agreement during the validity as well as joint projects and other measures initiated but not completed during the validity of the present Agreement shall be fulfilled according to the provisions of the present Agreement.

Article 17

Amendments of this Agreement are subject to written Agreement between the Contracting Parties.

Article 18

This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature and shall be valid until December 31, 1985. Thereafter it shall be automatically renewed for further period of one year at a time until it is terminated by either of the Contracting Parties by giving three months' notice to the other Party before the expiry of its validity period.

DONE and signed in New Delhi on 9th January 1979 in two originals, each in Hindi, German and English languages, all texts being equally authentic, except in the case of doubt, when the English text shall prevail.

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Republic of India

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