



## High Commission of India Seychelles

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### Press Release

#### India extends financial assistance to Civilian projects in Seychelles to a scale of US\$8.36million

- Government of India has granted a sum of cash **3.45 million US\$** (*45million Seychelles Rupees*) for the construction of a State of the art Magistrate's Court with all the modern amenities. The Seychelles Tender Board has completed the tendering process and the construction work is expected to start shortly. This would be the first construction project to be financed by the India in Seychelles.
- Grant is also provided to the Seychelles Public Transport Corporation (*SPTC*) for the procurement of 71 buses from TATA Motors at estimated value of **US\$3.5million**. All of these buses are equipped with modern of State of art features and are also physically challenged and senior citizen friendly. The fleet of these 71 new buses is expected to reach Seychelles by June, 2018.
- An amount of **US\$385,000** has been granted to the Healthcare Agency (*HCA*), for procurement of 10 Ambulance and setting up emergency response system at Mahé, Praslin and La Digue. These ambulances are equipped with advanced facilities which would help Ministry of Health to enhance its emergency response mechanism.
- In addition, this year Government of India has granted a sum of **US\$2,796,520** to the healthcare agency for procurement of essential live saving equipment from HLL Hites, as healthcare based public sector company in India. Recently, sum of **US\$499,919** was also granted for further purchase of life saving medical equipments from HLL Hites. All of these items would reach Seychelles by June 2018 and would be officially inaugurated.
- 10 Swift Response Vehicle are also being donated to National Drug Enforcement Agency (*NDEA*) at an estimated value of **US\$250,000** for interception of drug trafficking and control.