

## **Consolidated Brief on India's Relations with Palau, Federated States of Micronesia and Marshal Islands**

The Mission in Manila is also concurrently accredited to three island countries in the Pacific region namely, Republic of Palau, Federated State of Micronesia and Republic of Marshall Islands.

The relations between India and the three countries have developed in the spirit of South – South Cooperation. As per DGFT figures, the total exports of India to the three countries in 2007-08 were US \$ 185,296.36 and the imports in 2008-09 were US \$ 303,696.31.

### Republic of Palau

The geographical area of Palau is 458 sq. kms with a population of 20,796 (2009 figures).

India established diplomatic relations with Palau in April 1995. Development assistance from India has included a grant of US \$ 149,841 for purchase of kitchen equipment for Palau National Hospital, US \$ 100,000 in 2008 for purchase of a boat and two pick-up trucks, and grant of 2 ITEC scholarships. Palau has been supportive of issues of importance to India, particularly Indian candidature to international organizations. Presently, there are about 15 Indian nationals in Palau.

### Federated States of Micronesia

The geographical area of Micronesia is 702 sq. kms with a population of 107,434 (2009 figures).

India established diplomatic relations with the Federated States of Micronesia in 1996. Development assistance from India has included a grant of US \$ 73,145 in 2009 for purchase of machinery for the coconut industry and grant of 2 ITEC scholarships. Micronesia has been supportive of issues of importance to India, particularly Indian candidatures to international organizations and has offered support to India for the UNSC non-permanent seat in 2011-12. As per information available, there is one Indian family in Micronesia.

### Republic of Marshal Islands

The geographical area of Marshal Islands is 181 sq. kms with a population of 64,522 (2009 figures).

India established diplomatic relations with the Republic of Marshall Islands in April 1995. Development assistance from India has included a grant of US \$ 100,000 in June 2008 for a solar street lighting project in the capital city of Majuro and grant of 5

ITEC scholarships. Marshall Islands has been supportive of issues of importance to India, particularly Indian candidature to international organizations. Presently, there are about 10 Indian nationals in the Marshall Islands.

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