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Q: As of now the things look dim in Nigeria, Niger Delta avengers are creating a havoc. How is the government handling this situation?

A: Issue is quite worrisome and we are only hoping that the unrest will come to an end and the parties will come to an agreement. People are not happy that despite the growth there are no jobs and most of the expectations are not met. But, we are hopeful that government will be able to resolve this issue.

Q: Nigeria is a country that India trades the most among all the African Countries. What policies you propose so that the relationship between the two governments are strengthened?

A: Very delighted to see the relationship strengthening, before I left I gathered that the two countries have entered into an agreement with respect to Oil. To strengthen it we have priority sectors like Agriculture, Education, Oil and refineries and Power sector. These are very important for more collaboration and the relationships can only be better.

Q: What is your view on recent elections? How will the world move forward?

A: I fear, you like the US or not they are the world's largest economy and with this election there is a radical change in the US thinking and if you ask how I feel, I fear. We have the sustainable development goals which all the nations have agreed to it, One of the things there is inclusive growth and if you have a major country moving in a different direction then I fear but I'm hopeful that things won't be the same when Donald Trump comes to office.

Q: Do you think it is fair for US to ask other countries to reduce their carbon emission at the cost of development?

A: It is not fair, but that question that not really come to the table. It is an ongoing and repeated question as to whether it is fair or not. How do we solve the problem? We also have developmental need but we need to mitigate the effects of global greenhouse gases emission together.

Q: The Niger delta avengers are asking to create Nigeria as a tourist place. What do you think?

A: It is a good proposal and it is also a part of non-oil development proposal that government has and the cleaning has started and it will take time but the environment, technology needs to be improved.Nigeria is a very beautiful country, But people won't come to Nigeria until they feel safe and the government is working towards it.