

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.498**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.04.2016

**TRANSPORT PROJECT BETWEEN MIZORAM AND MYANMAR**

498. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons to implement Kaladan Multi-modal Transit Transport Project between Mizoram and Sittwe, Myanmar;
- (b) what are the chances of completing the project with revised estimate of Rs 2904 crore;
- (c) how much of the 90 kms highway in South Mizoram and 140 kms in Myanmar have been completed;
- (d) what is the expected date of completion of the project; and
- (e) whether Government is hopeful of completing the project on time, if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

- (a) The Kaladan Multi Modal Transit and Transport Project aims to provide connectivity between India and Myanmar from Ports on India's eastern sea board to Myanmar's Sittwe Port and further to North East India through Myanmar using sea, river and road transport modes to facilitate movement of goods. The project includes a Waterway component of 158 km on Kaladan River from Sittwe to Paletwa in Myanmar and a Road component of 109 km from Paletwa to Zorinpui on India-Myanmar border in Mizoram.
- (b) Ministry is hopeful of completing the project within the revised project cost of Rs. 2904 crore approved by competent authority in October 2015.
- (c) On Indian side, the 99.83 km road from NH-54 at Lawangtalai to Zorinpui in Mizoram, has achieved a physical progress of 66% and the work is likely to be completed by June 2018. As regards construction of 109 km Kaladan road in Myanmar, tender for selection of contractor has been issued in February and the submission of bids is May 2016.
- (d) While the original Waterways component of Kaladan Project is approaching completion by June 2016, the additional items under Waterways and Road component are scheduled to be completed by April 2019.
- (e) All efforts are being made to complete the project within the approved timeframe.

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