

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.982
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.03.2017

WORK ON INDIA-MYANMAR-THAILAND CONNECTIVITY PROJECT

982. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work on major connectivity projects linking India with Myanmar through Kaladan Multi-modal Transit Transport Project and India-Myanmar with extension further to Thailand through India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Project are still in progress;
- (b) if so, what is the time-frame fixed for their completion; and
- (c) whether both the projects are progressing behind the schedule and what special measures Government proposes to take to speed up the work for ease of commercial interaction?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes, work on major connectivity projects linking India with Myanmar through Kaladan Multi-modal Transit Transport Project and with Myanmar and Thailand through Trilateral Highway is in progress.
- (b) The time-frame for completion of these projects are as below:
 - i. Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport Project: The original waterways component is almost complete and the construction of road component would take 36 months from the award of work, which is expected shortly as tendering process is in the advanced stage.
 - ii. Construction of 69 Bridges on Tamu-Kyigone-Kalewa section of Trilateral Highway: The construction period is 36 months from the date of award of work, which is expected later in 2017 as the re-tendering process is underway.
 - iii. Construction/upgradation of Kalewa-Yargi road section of Trilateral Highway: The construction period is 36 months from the date of award of work, which is expected early in FY 2017-18 as the tendering process is underway.
- (c) While the original waterways component under Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport Project is near completion, its road component as also the bridges and road projects under Trilateral Highway are behind schedule. Government is taking the required measures, including security and other clearances from Host country, revised tender conditions, evaluation etc., for expeditious award of work.
