

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3062
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2018

FUNDING FOR SOUTH ASIAN UNIVERSITY

3062. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA:

Will the Minister for EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to open campuses of South Asian University (SAU) in other States, especially Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether all SAARC countries have contributed to SAU;
- (d) if so, the details regarding proportions thereof;
- (e) whether any country has failed to pay its committed dues to SAU; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The permanent main campus of South Asian University (SAU) is under construction in Delhi NCR. The Government has no proposal to open campuses of SAU in Rajasthan or in other states of Union of India as the university is international in character and is already headquartered in India. As per need and potential, the university has plans to open Regional Campuses outside India after the main campus is ready subject to willingness of SAARC Member States to host and fund such regional campuses.

(c) & (d) Funding of the South Asian University is done under three separate budget heads, namely, (i) Operational Expenditure (ii) Capital Expenditure and (iii) Rent for the temporary premises at Akbar Bhavan, New Delhi.

Capital expenditure including cost of land for construction of the permanent campus of the university and rental charges for the temporary premises are met fully by India. The total payment made for the construction project till date is Rs. 444.94 crores. The amount paid on account of rent for Akbar Bhavan is Rs. 155.37 crores.

The operational expenditure of the university is met through assessed contribution from the Member States. The percentage shares of Member States to the total budget under Phase I funding arrangement are as follows: (i) Afghanistan- 3.83% (ii) Bangladesh- 8.20% (iii) Bhutan-3.83% (iv) India- 57.38% (v) Maldives- 3.83% (vi) Nepal- 4.92% (vii) Pakistan-

13.09% and (viii) Sri Lanka- 4.92%. All countries have contributed to the operational expenditure of the university though there are outstanding dues from Pakistan and Maldives. Details of actual contributions received from the Member States so far are enclosed (Annexure-I).

(e) & (f) Pakistan and Maldives have outstanding contributions of US\$ 5,591,000/- and US\$ 332,041/- respectively as on date. During the 10th Governing Board Meeting of SAU (New Delhi, 18th December, 2017), the Member from Pakistan had informed the Governing Board that their remaining contribution will be remitted soon. SAARC Secretariat, Kathmandu has also been reminding the Governments of Pakistan and Maldives to remit their outstanding contributions.

ANNEXURE-I

SOUTH ASIAN UNIVERSITY					
Statement showing details of Operational Contribution received till 13-03-2018					
Name of the Country	Year	Contribution Due (In \$)	Date of Receipts	Contribution Received (In \$)	Contribution to be received (In \$)
Afghanistan	2010	51000	30-नवम्बर-11	102415	
	2011	201000	27-जनवरी-11	149585	
	2012	411000	18-दिसम्बर-12	411000	
	2013	681000	3-अक्तूबर-13	681000	-
	2014	957000	5-December, 2014	957000	
Bangladesh	2010	108000	21-जून-10	108000	
	2011	429000	15-जून-11	429000	
	2012	879000	15-जून-12	879000	
	2013	1457000	4-जून-13	1457000	
	2014	2047000	24-अप्रैल-14	1543011.44	
	2014	0	17-अगस्त-15	503989	
Bhutan	2010	51000	13-अगस्त-10	51000	
	2011	201000	23-सितम्बर-11	395119.37	
			27-अक्तूबर-11	181091.35	
			30-नवम्बर-11	15880.63	
	2012	411000	31-मई-12	4028.02	
	2013	681000	5-फरवरी-13	696880.63	-
	2014	957000	21-मार्च-14	957000	
India	2010	756000	15-जुलाई-10	506000	
			19-जुलाई-10	250000	
	2011	3005000	4-मई-11	3005000	
	2012	6146000	12-जून-12	2331087.23	
			24-मई-13	3621346.89	-
	2013	10195000	20 Dec. 2014	6000000	
	2012	0	1-अगस्त-15	193566	
	2013	0	1-अगस्त-15	4195000	
	2014	0	1-अगस्त-15	611434	
	2014	14319000	16/02/2016	2000000	
			30/3/2016	1000000	
			22/09/2016	6656804.73	
		27/06/2017	4050761.15		
Maldives	2010	51000	30-जून-10	51000	

	2011	201000	19-अप्रैल-11	201000	
	2012	411000	25-जून-12	411000	
	2013	681000	29/2/2016	681000	
	2014	957000	11-अप्रैल-16	500000	3,32,041
			1-अगस्त-18	124959	
Nepal	2010	65000	21-जनवरी-11	65000	
	2011	258000	11-नवम्बर-11	258000	
	2012	527000		1385157.74	
	2013	874000	15-मई-13		
	2014	1227000	23/6/2014	1235886.55	(0)
	2014		20/12/17	6956	
Pakistan	2010	172000	21/12/2017	172000	
	2011	685000	21/12/2017	685000	
	2012	1402000	21/12/2017	1402000	
	2013	2325000		0	
	2014	3266000		0	55,91,000
Sri Lanka	2010	65000	21-जनवरी-11	65000	
	2011	258000	11-नवम्बर-11	258000	
	2012	527000	8-अगस्त-12	527000	
	2013	874000	22-मई-13	874000	
	2014	1227000	7-मई-14	1227000	-
TOTAL		59996000		54072959.73	59,23,041
