GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1842

TO BE ANSWERED ON- 22/12/2022

DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION WITH CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES

1842. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is funding /supporting any infrastructure development projects in the Central Asian countries;
- (b) if so,the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Indian strategic investments in the region are comparable to the investments made by China and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the steps being taken/planned by Government to sustain and enhance bilateral infrastructure development cooperation with the various Central Asian countries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

- (a) & (b) Yes. The Government of India is supporting infrastructure development projects in various Central Asian countries. The details of Grant in Aid projects and Lines of Credit extended/ announced for Central Asian Countries are placed at Annexure I & II.
- (c) & (d) The nature of our development partnership and economic cooperation are not comparable with any country in the region. India's investments and development projects are based on the development priorities of a recipient country and these stand firmly on their own merits.

ANNEXURE-I

Details of Grant in Aid projects

S. No	Country	Grant in aid project
1.	Tajikistan	India is constructing 4.44 Kms of 8-lane (two-way) highway from Dushanbe to Chortut, in Tajikistan at the cost of USD17.46 Million. The project has achieved 90.57% physical progress as on 12 December 2022.
2.	Uzbekistan	Equipping Secondary Schools in Syrdarya region with computers at the cost of USD 1 million. Creation and equipment of a new reference laboratory in the Republican Scientific Specialized Allergological Center at the cost of USD1.5 Million. Currently the project is in tendering stage.

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ANNEXURE-II

Details of Line of Credit (LoC)

S. No	Country	Lines of Credit
1	Kyrgyz Republic	Line of Credit of US \$ 200 million for financing Development Projects in Kyrgyz Republic.
2.	Uzbekistan	 I. Line of Credit of US\$ 448.0 million for Social Infrastructure and other Development Projects. II. Line of Credit of US\$ 40 million for procurement of Defence equipment from India.
3.	Kazakhstan	Line of Credit offer of US \$ 1 billion for Developmental Projects for 5 Central Asian Countries announced during the Second Meeting of India-Central Asia Dialogue held on 28 October 2020.
4.	Turkmenistan	Line of Credit offer of US \$ 1 billion for Developmental Projects for 5 Central Asian Countries announced during the Second Meeting of India-Central Asia Dialogue held on 28 October 2020.
5.	Tajikistan	Line of Credit offer of US \$ 1 billion for Developmental Projects for 5 Central Asian Countries announced during the Second Meeting of India-Central Asia Dialogue held on 28 October 2020.
