

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
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DEVELOPMENTAL WORKS CARRIED OUT BY INDIA IN NEPAL

2614. # SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- a) whether India is playing a major role in the development of Nepal;
- b) if so, the details thereof along with the developmental/other projects being executed by India in Nepal during the last three years and the current year;
- c) the details of expenditure incurred and funds provided as aid to Nepal for various projects during the above period, year-wise and project-wise; and
- d) the number of Indian workers engaged in various projects and the security arrangements made by the Government of Nepal for their safety?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a to c) In line with GoI's Neighbourhood First Policy, India has robust developmental cooperation with Nepal, under which a number of connectivity, physical and social infrastructure projects have been completed, and several others are under various stages of implementation. India also provides financial and technical assistance to Nepal for implementation of High Impact Community Development Projects in the key areas of education, health, irrigation, rural infrastructure and livelihood development across various districts of Nepal.

The details of grant allocated to Ministry's 'Aid to Nepal' budget head during the last three years and the current year, through which development cooperation programmes are undertaken are as follows:

Sl. No	Financial Year	Aid to Nepal budget Allocation (INR)
i.	2019-20	1200 Crore
ii.	2020-21	880 Crore
iii.	2021-22	550 Crore
iv.	2022-23	425 Crore

During the last three years and the current year, following major GoI- assisted projects have been completed by India in Nepal:

(i) In the financial year 2019-20, construction of Integrated Check Post at Biratnagar, Nepal was completed and inaugurated in January 2020 at a cost of INR 139.73 crore. Further, first cross-border petroleum products pipeline in South Asia from Motihari in India to Amlekhgunj in Nepal was inaugurated in September 2019 [Funded by M/s. IOCL].

(ii) In the financial year 2020-21, 9 out of 14 Terai Roads packages were handed over to Government of Nepal (**GoN**) in March 2021.

(iii) In the financial year 2021-22, 50,000 houses in Gorkha and Nuwakot districts of Nepal were completed and handed over to beneficiaries in November 2021, as part of GoI Earthquake reconstruction assistance. Total cost of the project is US\$ 150 Million (including grant of US \$ 100 Million and LOC of US \$ 50 Million).

(iv) In the current financial year, Jaynagar- Kurtha segment of Jayanagar-Bardibas cross border rail link has been operationalised and flagged off by PMs of India and Nepal in April 2022.

The major projects executed by India in Nepal, during the last three years and the current year are as follows:

(i) Construction of 02 nos. of cross-border rail links is under implementation at Jogbani (India)-Biratnagar (Nepal) and Jayanagar (India)-Bardibas (Nepal) at a cost of INR 364.85 Crores and INR 548 Crores respectively;

(ii) Final Location Survey for the new broad gauge rail line between Raxaul and Kathmandu is underway at a sanctioned cost of INR 39.72 crores;

(iii) Upgradation of Terai Roads is being undertaken at a cost of INR 500 crore. All packages are completed and 9 out of 14 packages were taken over by GoN;

(iv) Integrated Check Posts at Nepalgunj and Bhairahawa in Nepal are being implemented at a cost of INR 147.12 Crores and INR 161.75 Crores respectively.

(v) Nepal-Bharat Maitri Polytechnic in Hetauda is under construction at a cost of INR 39 crore approx;

(vi) Construction of National Police Academy at Panauti, Nepal at an estimated cost of INR 625 Crores is underway;

(vii) Post-earthquake reconstruction work is underway in health, education, and cultural heritage sectors with grant component of US\$ 150 million.

Besides grant assistance, GoI has extended Lines of Credit of USD 1.65 billion for infrastructure projects like roads, irrigation, hydro-power, and for post-earthquake reconstruction.

(d) The number of Indian workers engaged in GoI funded projects varies from time to time as per requirements of these projects. Appropriate security arrangements, if required, are made by the GoN based on local conditions.
