

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 552  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017

**BILATERAL TRADE THROUGH NORTH-EAST CORRIDOR**

**552. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:**

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress achieved in bilateral trade through north-east corridor with Asian countries under the Look East Policy;
- (b) the estimated trade happened during the last three years through North-Eastern border;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to increase the trade volumes and trading partners through this corridor; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

**(a)to(d):** The objectives of Act East Policy includes deepening of economic cooperation and expanding trade with countries in the Asia-Pacific Region. The process facilitates bilateral trade from North-East also.

Total estimated trade (*as provided by Department of Revenue*) between India and Myanmar through the North-East has grown from Rs. 7752.72 lakhs to Rs. 14452.26 lakhs between 2013-14 and 2015-16.

Some of the steps taken for promoting trade from the North-East region, particularly to Myanmar are as follows:

- i. Shifting from barter trade to normal trade; expansion to all tradeable commodities

- ii. Increasing trade through sea route by harnessing the proposed Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport Facility
- iii. Better land connectivity through India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway
- iv. Improving the land connectivity on Indian side through widening of the Imphal – Moreh road.
- v. Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan for North-East
- vi. Initiation of better banking facility.
- vii. Expansion of rail network in the region
- viii. Land Customs Stations (LCS) at Moreh, Zokhawthar and Champhai
- ix. Establishment of borderhaats
- x. Integrated Check Post at Moreh

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