

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.630
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2022**

INDIAN INVESTMENTS IN AFGHANISTAN

630. KUNWAR DANISH ALI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the investments made by the Government of India in Afghanistan during the last three years, project-wise;
- (b) whether the India-Afghanistan strategic partnership agreement was signed in the year 2011 between India and Afghanistan, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the strategy proposed to be followed in future in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a) to (c) India has been engaged in a development partnership with Afghanistan, which includes more than five hundred projects spread across each of the 34 provinces of the country in critical areas of power, water supply, road connectivity, healthcare, education, agriculture and capacity building. The vast majority of the projects committed to by the Government of India in Afghanistan have been completed and handed over.

India and Afghanistan signed the Strategic Partnership Agreement in October 2011. The Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA) between the two sides, provides for assistance to help rebuild Afghanistan's infrastructure and institutions, education and technical assistance to re-build indigenous Afghan capacity in different areas, encouraging investment in Afghanistan's natural resources and providing duty free access to the Indian market for Afghanistan's exports.

India has historical and civilizational ties with Afghanistan. Our special relationship with the Afghan people and the UNSC Resolution 2593 would continue to guide India's approach on Afghanistan. We remain steadfast in our commitment to provide humanitarian assistance to the people of Afghanistan. In this endeavour, we have already dispatched several shipments of humanitarian assistance consisting of 40,000 MTs of wheat, 50 tons of medicines, 500,000 doses of COVID Vaccine, winter clothing and 28 tons of disaster relief assistance.
