

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1411**  
ANSWERED ON- 28/07/2023

**KALADAN MULTI MODAL TRANSIT TRANSPORT PROJECT**

1411. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN

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

- (a) whether the Government has restarted the execution of the Kaladan Multimodal Project which was initiated in year 2003;
- (b) if so, the details including time duration for the completion of the project and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the project would offer an alternative route to North Eastern States of the country and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a to c) Government of India is implementing the Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport Project in Myanmar.

The Project aims to provide connectivity between India and Myanmar from Ports on India's eastern seaport to Myanmar's Sittwe Port, and further to North East India through Myanmar using sea, river and road transport modes. The project includes a waterway component of 158 km on Kaladan River from Sittwe to Paletwa in Myanmar and a road component of 109 km from Paletwa to Zorinpui on India-Myanmar border in Mizoram.

The waterways component comprising of Port and Inland Water Transport (IWT) terminal at Sittwe; IWT terminal and related facilities at Paletwa; navigational channel along Kaladan river from Sittwe to Paletwa; and six self-propelled IWT vessels have been completed. Sittwe Port was inaugurated in May 2023 and has been operationalised.

Progress on construction work of the road component has been slow due to the security situation in Myanmar.

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