GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
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INDIA'S ACT-EAST POLICY

1456. SHRI TAPIR GAO

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

(a) the details including salient features and objectives of India's Act-East policy introduced by the Government;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to extend development cooperation to its neighbours to assist them in areas such as trade, development, and connectivity; and

(c) the details of major infrastructure projects being implemented by the Government in neighbouring countries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a) The Act East Policy focuses on the extended neighbourhood in the Indo-Pacific region, with ASEAN as its core. The objective of Act East Policy is to promote economic cooperation, cultural ties and develop strategic relationships with countries in the Indo-Pacific region through continuous engagement at bilateral, regional and multilateral levels, thereby providing enhanced connectivity in its broadest sense, including political, economic, cultural and people to people relations.

(b & c) Under the Neighbourhood First Policy, development cooperation is an important component of our engagement with neighbouring countries with specific focus to improve the bilateral engagement covering all facets of socio-economic development including trade and connectivity. India's development assistance is based on the needs of the partner countries and is geared towards responding to as many of the requests received from these countries as technically and financially feasible. The main instruments of India's development assistance include Lines of Credit (LOC), Grant assistance, High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDP), Technical Consultancy, Disaster Relief and Humanitarian aid, as well as capacity-building

programmes under Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC). Indian expertise is showcased in project planning and implementation in a wide range of areas covering both infrastructure development as well as socio-economic development. The details of major infrastructure projects being implemented by the Government in neighbouring countries under LOC and Grant in Aid are placed at Annexure -I and Annexure-II respectively.

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Details of major infrastructure projects under Line of Credit (LOC) being implemented by the Government in neighbouring countries.

Sl.No.	Country	Project
1	Bangladesh	Upgradation of Mongla Port
2	Bangladesh	Power Evacuation Facilities of Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant project
3	Bangladesh	Barapukuria – Bogra – Kaliakoir Power Transmission Line
4	Nepal	Multiple road projects
5	Maldives	Great Maldives Connectivity Project
6	Maldives	Development of Sports Infrastructure
7	Maldives	Construction of Cricket Stadium Complex in Maldives
8	Maldives	Water & Sewerage projects in 34 Islands
9	Maldives	Gan Airport Development Project
10	Maldives	Gulhifalhu International Port Development Project
11	Myanmar	Yenwe and Kunchaung irrigation scheme
12	Sri Lanka	Upgrading railway track from Maho-Anuradapura-Omanthai

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Details of Grant in Aid projects being implemented by the Government in neighbouring countries.

Sl. No.	Country	Project
1.	Bangladesh	Akhaura-Agartala Rail Link
2.	Bhutan	Punatsangchhu-I (1200 MW HEP)
3.	Bhutan	Punatsangchhu-II (1020 MW HEP)
4.	Maldives	Construction of Ministry of Defense (MoD) Building
5.	Maldives	Greater Male Connectivity Project
6.	Myanmar	Construction of 69 Bridges on TKK road in Myanmar
7.	Myanmar	Kaladan Multi Modal transit Project.
8.	Myanmar	Upgradation of Kalewa-Yargi Road section in Myanmar.
9.	Nepal	Construction of Integrated Check Post at Bhairahawa in Nepal
10.	Nepal	Nepal-Bharat Maitri Polytechnic at Hetauda
11.	Nepal	National Police Academy, Panauti, Nepal
12.	Nepal	India-Nepal Cross Border Rail Link: Jayanagar-Bardibas
13.	Nepal	India-Nepal Cross Border Rail Link: Jogbani-Biratnagar
14	Sri Lanka	India Housing Projects Phase-III and Phase-IV

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