

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2662**  
ANSWERED ON- 04/08/2023

**GLOBAL CONNECTIVITY INITIATIVES**

2662. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI

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

- (a) whether the Government has signed any global connectivity initiative with the neighbouring countries as an economic corridor between three or more countries;
- (b) if so, the details of pact and the present status of the said corridor; and
- (c) the details and status of land-air corridor between India and neighbouring countries and the bilateral agreements made therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(DR. RAJKUMAR RANJAN SINGH)

(a to c) The Government has accorded utmost importance to expanding connectivity in India's neighbourhood and beyond, encompassing all elements of physical, cultural, economic and people-to-people linkages. India's Act East Policy, Neighbourhood First Policy, Prime Minister's strategic vision for the Indian Ocean i.e., Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR) as well India's engagements with Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), among others, have initiatives to strengthen various aspects of connectivity.

Some of the key connectivity initiatives between India and its neighbours include the Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal Motor Vehicle Agreement, the India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway initiative, the Chahbahar agreement between India-Iran-Afghanistan on the establishment of an international transport and transit corridor, the Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar Economic Corridor, among others.

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