

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2677
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2021**

PM's VISIT TO BANGLADESH

†2677. SHRI TAPIR GAO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the recent visit of the Prime Minister to Bangladesh;
- (b) the details of the sectors in which the agreements were signed between the two countries during the visit;
- (c) whether any discussions were held regarding the sharing of Teesta and Feni river water during the visit; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) At the invitation of the Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Prime Minister paid a State Visit to Bangladesh from 26 to 27 March 2021 to join the celebrations of the golden jubilee of the independence of Bangladesh; the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation of Bangladesh, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman; and 50 years of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Bangladesh. The Prime Minister attended the National Day Programme of Bangladesh on March 26 as the guest of honour.

(b) During the visit, a number of documents were signed in the fields of disaster management, youth exchanges, trade remedial measures, education and community development as per details below:

- i. MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Disaster Management, Resilience and Mitigation;
- ii. MoU between National Cadet Corps of India (NCC) and Bangladesh National Cadet Corps (BNCC);
- iii. MoU on Establishment of a Framework of Cooperation in the Area of Trade Remedial Measures between India and Bangladesh;

- iv. Tripartite MoU on Supply of ICT Equipment, Courseware & Reference Books and Training for Bangladesh-Bharat Digital Service and Employment Training (BDSET) Centre;
- v. Tripartite MoU for Establishment of Sports Facilities at Rajshahi College Field and Surrounding Areas.

(c) & (d) While discussing bilateral cooperation in the area of water resources, Prime Minister of Bangladesh reiterated her country's request for concluding the interim agreement on sharing of waters of the Teesta River. Prime Minister Narendra Modi reiterated India's commitment and continued efforts to conclude this agreement, in consultation with the relevant stakeholders. The Indian side also requested for early finalization of the draft of the interim agreement for sharing of water of Feni River, pending with the Bangladesh side, which was also agreed upon by both sides in 2011.
