

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2263  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2021**

**RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND AFGHANISTAN**

**2263. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH:**

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether recent developments in Afghanistan are affecting mutual relationship between India and Afghanistan and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the investments made by Indian Government in Afghanistan till now, specifying whether such investment are secured;
- (c) whether the business/trade of India has been effected due to regime change; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

**(a) to (d)** As a contiguous neighbor and long-standing partner of Afghanistan, India is concerned about the recent developments in Afghanistan. India has historical and civilizational ties with Afghanistan. Our special relationship with the Afghan people and UNSC Resolution 2593 will continue to guide India's approach to Afghanistan. In this endeavour, India has committed to provide 50,000 MT of wheat, essential life saving medicines and COVID Vaccines to the Afghan people as humanitarian assistance.

India's development partnership with Afghanistan 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. In all, we have invested more than USD 3 billion for the welfare of the people of Afghanistan. Post August 15, 2021, given the deteriorating security situation in Afghanistan, the trade of various countries including India with Afghanistan in the region has been impacted.

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