

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 4613

ANSWERED ON- 28/03/2025

BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR MEA

4613. SHRI SUDAMA PRASAD

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

- (a) whether the total budget allocation for the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) for 2025-26 has been decreased by 7.3% as compared to last year's projections as per the report published in the wire.in dated 3/02/25 titled 'Foreign Aid: Who Gains, Who Loses in India's 2025-26 Budget', if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) whether the current reduction in the MEA budget is likely to impact India's foreign aid commitments in South Asia, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether it is a fact that Maldives and Sri Lanka are the only South Asian countries set to receive increased foreign aid from India this year, if so, the rationale behind the same; and**
- (d) the details of India's foreign aid allocations for the last ten years, region-wise and year-wise?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) The total budget allocation for the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) for 2025-26 is Rs. 20,516.61 crore and for 2024-25 is Rs. 22,154.67 crore. The budget allocation for 2024-25 includes Rs. 4383.40 crore for “Payment to Exim Bank towards Guarantees invoked against Doubtful Debts”. If this amount is excluded, then the core budget of MEA for 2024-25 is Rs. 17,771.27 crore. Therefore, the net budget allocation of MEA for 2025-26 is approximately 15% higher than that for 2024-25.

(b&c) No.

(d) Details of India’s foreign aid allocations for the last ten years, region-wise and year-wise are attached at Annexure-I.

Annexure-I

(Rs. in crores)

Details of India's foreign aid allocations for the last ten years, region-wise and year-wise

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Bangladesh	250.00	150.00	125.00	175.00	175.00	200.00	200.00	300.00	200.00	120.00
Bhutan	6160.20	5490.00	3714.13	2650.00	2801.79	2884.65	3004.95	2266.24	2400.58	2068.56
Nepal	420.00	300.00	375.00	650.00	1050.00	800.00	992.00	750.00	550.00	700.00
Sri Lanka	500.00	230.00	125.00	150.00	250.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	150.00	245.00
Maldives	183.00	40.00	245.00	125.00	576.00	300.00	250.00	360.00	400.00	400.00
Myanmar	270.00	400.00	225.00	280.00	400.00	300.00	400.00	600.00	400.00	250.00
Other Developing Countries	83.44	85.62	115.00	115.00	150.00	120.00	130.00	150.00	150.00	125.00
African Countries	200.00	290.00	330.00	200.00	450.00	350.00	300.00	250.00	250.00	200.00
Eurasian Countries	20.00	20.00	25.00	30.00	45.00	45.00	100.00	140.00	75.00	20.00
Latin American Countries	15.00	15.00	20.00	20.00	15.00	20.00	40.00	40.00	50.00	30.00
Afghanistan	676.00	520.00	350.00	325.00	400.00	400.00	350.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Mongolia	2.50	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	12.00	7.00	5.00
Mauritius	0.00	0.00	350.00	350.00	1100.00	1025.00	900.00	900.00	460.79	370.00
Seychelles	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	100.00	140.00	160.00	14.06	10.00	40.00
Indo-Pacific	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	45.00	40.00	50.00	40.00	50.00
