

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4784

ANSWER ON – 20/03/2026

FOREIGN AID TO BANGLADESH

4784. SHRI T R BAALU

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various foreign aids including financial assistance extended by India to Bangladesh since 2014 till date;

(b) whether it is true that despite continued support by India, the bilateral relations between the two countries have soured recently, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government is reconsidering its recent decision to cancel priority given to exports from Bangladesh at Indian sea ports, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) India's approach to relations with Bangladesh is neighbourhood-driven and people-centric. Accordingly, India has extended support for

various development-oriented initiatives in Bangladesh through Lines of Credit and Grants-in-Aid for Projects, as well as support for ‘High Impact Community Development Projects’, humanitarian assistance, disaster relief and capacity building programmes. Since 2014, India has extended two major Lines of Credit (LoC) to Bangladesh totalling USD 6.5 billion in assistance. Financial assistance extended to Bangladesh on an annual basis from 2014, excluding disbursements for ongoing projects under LoCs, are placed at Annexure-I.

(b) India and Bangladesh, as neighbouring countries, share deep historical, geographical, cultural, linguistic and social linkages. India has consistently expressed its support for a democratic, stable, peaceful, progressive and inclusive Bangladesh and remains committed to continued high-level exchanges and meetings under bilateral institutional mechanisms.

(c) No priority was accorded to exports from Bangladesh over own exports at Indian ports when this facility was previously extended. Any change in policy will be undertaken after due consideration of all relevant factors.

Aid to Bangladesh (excluding LoCs)***(Rs. in Crore)***

Financial Year	Financial Assistance
2014-15	197.85
2015-16	155.68
2016-17	82.59
2017-18	78.02
2018-19	131.81
2019-20	137.68
2020-21	177.98
2021-22	219.53
2022-23	133.8
2023-24	157.63
2024-25	59.15
2025-26	25.01*

*** till February 2026***********