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QUESTION NO.2097 RE-DEVELOPMENT OF SILK ROUTE ALONG WITH SRI LANKA

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RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2017

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2097. SHRI RIPUN BORA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any proposal from the Sri Lankan Government to re-develop the 'Silk Route' for trade exchange hub;
- (b) if so, whether Government proposes to set up a combo business hub therefor; and
- (c) the details of ongoing bilateral ties and projects with Sri Lanka?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In recent years, India-Sri Lanka relationship has been marked by frequent high-level exchanges and regular and close contact at all levels. Significant progress in implementation of development assistance projects has helped further cement the bonds of friendship between the two countries.

The projects undertaken by India in Sri Lanka are demand-driven, and are identified in close consultation with Government of Sri Lanka. India's development portfolio in Sri Lanka is currently around US \$ 2.6 billion. The ongoing projects encompass various sectors of mutual interest including infrastructure development, housing and shelter, water and sanitation, livelihood, education, research and training, healthcare, industrial development, arts, culture and sports etc.



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