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# Q NO.1706 NEW HAATS ON BANGLADESH MEGHALAYA BORDER

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RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1706  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2014

NEW HAATS ON BANGLADESH MEGHALAYA BORDER

1706. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has firmed up agreements with Bangladesh, during the recent visit of India's External Affairs Minister to Dhaka, on opening up four new haats on the Bangladesh-Meghalaya border;
- (b) whether agreements were reached to commence Bus Service from Dhaka and other cities in Bangladesh to Shillong in Meghalaya and Guwahati in Assam; and
- (c) if so, the details of the agreements and the time-frame set for implementation?

## ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) No agreements on border haats were firmed up during the visit of External Affairs Minister to Dhaka from June 25-27, 2014. However, during the India-Bangladesh Joint Working Group on Trade meeting held in Dhaka on March 12-13, 2014, it was agreed that border haats would be set up at four locations on the Bangladesh-Meghalaya border, namely Bholaganj- Bholaganj, Saidabad-Nalikata, Vhuyiapara-Shibbari and Ryngkua.

A proposal to start a new bus service between Dhaka and Guwahati through Shillong has been discussed with the Government of Bangladesh in bilateral meetings, including during the recent visit of External Affairs Minister to Dhaka. No agreement has so far been reached to commence the bus service.



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