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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1168
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2015

ESTABLISHMENT OF BANGLADESH-CHINA-INDIA-MYANMAR ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

1168. SHRI S. THANGAVELU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that China and India are adding fresh momentum to the establishment of the Bangladesh-China- India- Myanmar economic corridor which is expected to develop gradually before more ambitious goals are achieved;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also true that the Chinese officials acknowledge that unlike in the past, India is now showing enthusiasm over the project, which would link Kolkata with Kunming, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Bangladesh, China, India and Myanmar (BCIM) have agreed to establish a Joint Study Group (JSG) on strengthening connectivity in the BCIM region for closer economic, trade, and people-to-people linkages through the development of a BCIM Economic Corridor (BCIM-EC). The first meeting of the BCIM-EC JSG was held in Kunming, China on December 18-19, 2013. The second meeting of BCIM-EC JSG was held in Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh on 17-18 December 2014. India has participated in two rounds of JSG meetings in 2013 and 2014. At the second meeting of the JSG, it was decided that the third meeting should be hosted by India in 2015. During the visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister to China in May 2015, the Chinese side has acknowledged the progress made in promoting cooperation under the framework of

BCIM-EC.



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