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## **QUESTION NO.2803 EXTRADITION TREATY WITH BANGLADESH**

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RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2803 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2016

## EXTRADITION TREATY WITH BANGLADESH

2803. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has extradition treaties with its neighbouring countries including Bangladesh;
- (b) if so, the names of such countries along with the reasons for not having the said treaty with other countries;
- (c) whether Government is aware that Bangladesh has amended its extradition treaty with India to simplify the process for handing over suspects wanted by both counties, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government would request other countries to sign similar treaty with India, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

## ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. J. AKBAR)

(a) to (d) Among SAARC nations, India has Extradition Treaties with Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh. There exists an Extradition Arrangement with Sri Lanka. In addition to these bilateral treaties, a SAARC Regional Convention on Suppression of Terrorism was signed in 1987. An Additional Protocol to this Convention was signed in 2004, to strengthen it by criminalising the provision, collection or acquisition of funds for the purpose of committing terrorist acts and taking further measures to prevent and suppress financing of such acts. On 28 July 2016, India and Bangladesh signed an Agreement to amend Article 10 (3) of the

bilateral Extradition Treaty to facilitate expeditious extradition of fugitive criminals between the two countries.

Negotiations for an Extradition Treaty between India and Afghanistan are in the final stages. It is the policy of the Government to conclude Extradition treaties with as many countries as possible so as to ensure that fugitive criminals do not escape justice.

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