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NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

(a) the new developments in the relationship with Afghanistan after the installation of an interim Government:

(b) the help/facilities extended to Afghanistan so far;

(c) whether there is any proposal to enter into an extradition treaty with Afghanistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) The government has taken several measures for consolidating relations with Afghanistan, after the installation of the Interim Administration in Afghanistan. Bilateral political interaction has included visits by several Ministers in the Afghan Interim Administration, including the Interior Minister and Foreign Minister, after the signing of Bonn Agreement. H.E. Mr. Hamid Karzai, Chairman of the Afghan Interim Administration paid a state visit to India on 26-27 February 2002. During his visit all issues of bilateral cooperation were discussed, which included cooperation in the field of Health, Education, Information Technology, Energy, Public Transport and Training.

(b) As part of our commitment to ameliorate the condition of Afghan people the government has inter alia committed to offer one million tonnes of wheat; sent medical personnel, along with consignments of medicines to Kabul and Mazar-e-Sharif; completed a month long camp for fixing artificial limbs for Afghan amputees in Kabul; is training Twenty Afghan diplomats at Foreign Service Institute of the Ministry of External Affairs and has sent two English language teachers to Kabul. In terms of financial assistance government has offered a line of credit of US$ 100 million for Afghanistan, and has further announced an amount of US$ 1.5 million and US$ 10 million as grants for utilization by the Afghan government.

(c) No sir.

(d) Does not arise.