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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

LOK SABHA

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**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN**

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

- (a) the total amount of aid. In cash and kind, released for the reconstruction of Afghanistan;
- (b) the total number of Indians working on various projects in Afghanistan; and
- (c) the total number of ITBP/Indian Army personnel deployed in Afghanistan to protect the lives and properties of Indians working in various projects in that country?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)**

- (a) Against an announced pledge of US\$1.2 billion, an amount of approximately US \$ 745 million has already been incurred on various projects undertaken by the Government of India.
- (b) As per available information, presently there are 3,749 Indians working in various projects including projects being executed by private contractors, multilateral agencies and other countries.
- (c) There are no ITBP/Indian Army personnel deployed in Afghanistan to protect the lives and properties of Indians working in various projects in Afghanistan.