

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO: 519

ANSWERED ON: 13.08.2014

INDIAN PROJECTS IN AFGHANISTAN

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

- (a) whether India has been playing a major role in the development and reconstruction of Afghanistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the developmental/other projects executed/being executed by India in Afghanistan during the past three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of expenditure incurred and funds granted as aid to Afghanistan for the various projects during the above period, year-wise, project-wise;
- (d) the number of Indian workers engaged in various projects and the security arrangements put in place by the Afghan Government for their protection; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to wind up these projects and pull out the workers in the wake of the US decision to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan and if so, the details in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 519 REGARDING "INDIAN PROJECTS IN AFGHANISTAN" FOR ANSWER ON 13.08.2014

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c) The details of the Projects undertaken by India in Afghanistan during the past three years and the current year including details of expenditure incurred under "Aid to Afghanistan" for these projects during the above period, year-wise, project-wise have been provided at Annexure I of the statement.

(d) Currently, 111 Indian workers are deployed at the Afghan Parliament Building site in Kabul and around 180 Indian workers are working on site at the Salma dam project in Afghanistan. The security agencies of the Government of Afghanistan are working closely with the Government of India for upgrading security arrangements, as appropriate, at the project sites.

(e) No, Madam.

Annexure referred to in reply to Lok Sabha STARRED QUESTION No.519 Dated.13.08.2014**Annexure I**

Details of the various major developmental Projects undertaken by India in Afghanistan during the past three years and the current year including details of expenditure incurred as “Aid to Afghanistan” for these projects during the above period, year-wise, project-wise are as follows:

S. No	Project details	Expenditure incurred Year wise
1	Reconstruction and completion of Salma Dam Power Project (42 MW) in Herat Province.	2011-12: Rs. 60.42 crores 2012-13: Rs. 152.62 crores 2013-14: Rs. 210.90 crores 2014-15: Rs. 177.64 crores
2	Construction of the Afghan Parliament Building at Kabul	2011-12: Rs. 12.77 crores 2012-13: Rs. 60.79 crores 2013-14: Rs. 91.81 crores 2014-15: Rs. 94.85 crores
3	Doshi and Charikar Power Project	2011-12:Rs. 28.00crores 2012-13: Rs. 5.0 crores 2013-14: Rs. 30.3 crores 2014-15: Rs. 11.6 crores
4	Wheat to Govt. of Afghanistan	2011-12: Rs. 315.57 crores 2012-13: Rs. 81.54 crores 2013-14: Rs. 75.31 crores 2014-15: Rs. 4.05 crores
5	Setting up of an Afghan National Agriculture Science and Technology University in Kandahar, Afghanistan	2013-14: Rs. 2.57 crores 2014-15: Rs. 1.41 crores
6	Small Development Projects (SDP I&II) in Afghanistan	2011-12: Rs. 9.03 crores 2012-13: Rs. 82.81 crores

		2013-14: Rs. 5.91 crores 2014-15: Rs. 7.09 crores
7	Restoration of Stor Palace in Kabul	2012-13: Rs. 5.59 crores 2013-14: Rs. 5.47 crores 2014-15: Rs. 5.89 crores