

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN

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

- (a) whether the Defence Minister of Afghanistan during his recent visit to India requested for India's assistance in imparting the necessary training to their people to enable Afghanistan to establish its national army;
- (b) if so, whether India have agreed to help Afghanistan in the matter;
- (c) whether modalities in this regard have been finalised; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a)-(d) The Deputy Defence Minister in the Interim Administration of Afghanistan visited India from 29th January, 2002. During his visit he discussed with the Indian authorities aspects relating to India's assistance in the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Afghanistan, including in the field of institution building. Government has offered its assistance in training of Afghan nationals, as selected by the Afghan Interim Administration, in various fields. We are deciding on projects and other assistance in Afghanistan in close consultation with the Afghan Interim Administration.