

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1406  
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2002  
ROAD LINK BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India and Bangladesh propose to open a second road link connecting Agartala in Tripura with Dhaka in Bangladesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to become operational?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The Governments of India and Bangladesh have signed an Agreement and a Protocol to operate a passenger bus service between Agartala and Dhaka on July 10, 2001 in Dhaka. Discussions are underway with Government of Bangladesh to make the bus service operational.