

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NGOS IN AFGHANISTAN
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), State-wise, selected/empanelled by the Government to undertake rehabilitation and other social welfare activities in Afghanistan since the establishment of friendly relations between the two countries after the exit of Talibans;
- (b) the criteria for the selection/empanelment of the NGOs; and
- (c) the total financial assistance provided to each of these NGOs so far?

Answer

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

(a) Government believe that public, private and voluntary contributions to the rehabilitation and reconstruction effort in Afghanistan would be mutually complementary and synergetic. No selection, empanelment or funding has been done by the government of NGOs to undertake rehabilitation and other social welfare activities in Afghanistan.

(b)-(c) Does not arise.