GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1545 ANSWERED ON:15.07.2009 ROAD NETWORK WITH MYANMAR Meinya Dr. Thokchom

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Myanmar has been linked with the National Highway 39 at Moreh in Manipur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the status of the progress made in this regard;

(d) whether the Government proposes to initiate bilateral discussions with Myanmar to enhace road connectivity;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the mutual benefits which are likely to accrue as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (c) Yes.Moreh (Manipur) is connected to Myanmar via Tamu-Kaletwa-Klaemyo(TKK) road which has been constructed and upgraded with Indian Government assistance by BRO in 2001.

(d) to (f) India and Myanmar are also in discussions to undertake other road projects including road from Zawkhather (Mizoram)/Rhi into Myanmar. These roads besides providing a valuable cross border link between India and Myanmar, enhance cross border trade, tourism and economic development of the areas on both sides of the border.