

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India dispelled unusual apprehensions about its nuclear assets and spelt out the norms for extending help to Afghanistan in future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the present status of the help thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

(a) to (c) Yes. India is actively engaged in assisting the efforts of the Government of Afghanistan in the reconstruction and development of that country as a means to strengthen capacity of the Afghan state and thereby contributing to peace and stability in Afghanistan. Our assistance programmes in Afghanistan are entirely in accordance with the priorities of the Afghan government and people and are taking place in the areas of humanitarian, infrastructural, institution and capacity building, small scale gestation projects and agriculture. The present status of India's assistance programmes is to place emphasis on capacity building and human resource development.