

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1616
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ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN
Azad Shri Kirti (Jha)

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the assistance in cash and kind released for the reconstruction of Afghanistan;
- (b) the number of Indians working in various projects in Afghanistan; and
- (c) the number of personnels of Indo-Tibetan Border Police/Indian Army deputed for the protection of lives and property of Indians working in various projects in Afghanistan?

Answer

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

- (a) Against an announced pledge of US \$ 1.2 billion, approximately 60% has already been incurred on various projects undertaken by the Government of India.
- (b) As per available information, presently there are approximately 3500 - 4000 Indians working in various projects including projects being executed by private contractors, multilateral agencies and other countries.
- (c) There are no ITBP/Indian Army personnel deployed in Afghanistan to protect the lives and properties of Indians working in various projects in Afghanistan.