GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:252 ANSWERED ON:10.11.2010 ASSISTANCE TO CAMBODIA Khaire Shri Chandrakant Bhaurao

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cambodia has sought for continued assistance from India;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the Government has agreed to the request of Cambodia for such assistance; and

(d) if so, details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to take up mutually beneficial issues between India and Cambodia?

Answer

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

(a) Yes.

(b) Cambodia has sought assistance from India on Capacity building and human resource development. India's assistance has also been sought in maintaining and restoration of ancient monuments like Angkor vat, Ta Prohm temple and monuments in Siem Reap.

(c) & (d) India has been assisting Cambodia through Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC), and other programmes under the Mekong-Ganga Cooperation (MGC), and the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) projects. For capacity building India has been providing Cambodia Line of Credits (LOC), grants in aid, etc under various schemes. Recently on the requests of Government of Cambodia additional LOCs of US \$ 15 Million was granted for Stung Tassal Irrigation Project.