

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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KALADAN MULTIMODEL PROJECT  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that Kaladan multimodel transit transport project has finally been conceived after 12 years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total cost of the project and the benefits to India from this project;
- (d) whether in spite of pressure, India has not changed its foreign policy with the Myanmar; and
- (e) if so, the extent to which this project is likely to increase the trade between the two countries especially in north eastern region?

**Answer**

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

- (a) to (c) The Framework Agreement and Protocols for the implementation of the Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport Project were signed in April, 2008. The Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Facility envisages connectivity between Indian ports on the eastern seaboard and Sittwe Port in Myanmar and then through riverine transport and road to Mizoram. The total cost of the project has been approved for Rs. 535 Crores, to be funded by India.
- (d) India's foreign policy towards Myanmar has constantly remained one of constructive engagement with a close neighbour, with which we share multi-dimensional relations.
- (e) The Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project is being developed to provide an alternate route for transport of goods from eastern sea board to North-East India. However, the completion of the Project will open up possibilities for better connectivity and movement of goods between India and Myanmar.