

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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LOOK EAST POLICY
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a review of the performance of 'Look East Policy' especially in light of its impact on North-Eastern Region has been done recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the review; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) Yes.

(b) Enhancing connectivity between Northeast India and the ASEAN countries is an important part of India's 'Look East Policy'. The review carried out recently focused on Asian Highway Network and construction of quality road between Imphal and Moreh and from Moreh to Indo-Myanmar Border and on the Trilateral Highway. India is also committed to further strengthen India-ASEAN relations as part of its 'Look East Policy'. We have signed India-ASEAN FTA which came into force on January 1, 2010. Many initiatives such as the India-ASEAN Business Fair, India-ASEAN Business Conclave, India-ASEAN Business Council meeting, Delhi Dialogue-III etc. are taking place in first week of March, 2011 at New Delhi in which a large number of companies from ASEAN countries and India, including from the North-East, and eminent speakers from the region and India are participating. The special Commemorative Summit between India and ASEAN is scheduled to take place in India in 2012. A number of events have been lined up leading to the Commemorative Summit.

(c) Does not arise.