

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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RESOLVING ISSUES BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Bangladesh are trying to resolve several outstanding issues before Prime Minister's visit to Dhaka;
- (b) if so, the details worked out in this regard; and
- (c) the progress achieved so far?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) India and Bangladesh are working closely to strengthen cooperation in a range of issues. They are also in the process of implementing several important decisions taken at various high level meetings. All outstanding issues between the two sides are being addressed expeditiously. Considerable progress has been achieved in many areas including power cooperation, water sharing and related issues and connectivity. India facilitated electrification of Dahagram and Angarpota. The US \$ 1 billion Line of Credit Agreement was signed in the presence of Finance Ministers of both the countries. Other areas of progress include signing of an MoU on Border Haat, India allowing the Nepalese trucks to enter 200 meters inside the Bangladesh border, designating Ashuganj in Bangladesh and Silghat in India as Ports of Call, holding of the meeting of the Joint Boundary Working Group in November 2010 and the Joint Rivers Commission in March 2010.