

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4274
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2012
NALANDA UNIVERSITY
Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the construction work of the International University is not being completed in Nalanda;
- (b) if so, the details in regard to the status thereof, as on date;
- (c) whether the work is getting delayed on account of lack of funds for the Nalanda International University project;
- (d) if so, whether the Union Government is providing required financial assistance for the necessary resources and facilities for the construction of this University; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Construction of the boundary wall around the land provided to the University began in December, 2011. Construction of the campus will begin after the conclusion of the Global Design Competition, selection of the construction company and award of the work. A Steering Committee, comprising of senior and prominent architects, has been formed to help and advise the University organise the Competition.

(c) No.

(d) & (e) Yes. The Government of India has been providing the required financial assistance for the construction of the University. The details are:

(Rs. in crores)
Year BE
2009-10 50
2010-11 5
2011-12 10
2012-13 15