

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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BUS SERVICE TO MANDALAY
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to start a bus service between Imphal (India) and Mandalay (Myanmar) via Moreh and Tamu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a system of visa-on-arrival has been worked out on both sides; and
- (d) if so, the details of the agreement/understanding arrived at between the two countries in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Government has been in discussions with the Government of Myanmar on the starting of a bus service between Imphal (India) and Mandalay (Myanmar) via Moreh and Tamu. In this context, the first round of technical level discussions were held in Myanmar on 10-11 May 2012. During the Prime Minister's visit to Myanmar, in end May 2012, the leaders of both countries directed the concerned officials from both sides to finalise all modalities for operationalisation of the Bus Service.