

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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DELAY IN PROJECTS ABROAD  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any mechanism to prevent cost and time overruns in the projects undertaken by his Ministry in other countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has been successful in reducing the cost and time overruns in these projects ; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The Ministry has established mechanisms for reducing and preventing cost and time overruns of projects undertaken by the Ministry in other countries, the details of which are as below:

- i. Development Partnership Administration(DPA) was set up in the Ministry of External Affairs in January 2012 to effectively handle and monitor India`s development assistance projects abroad through the stages of conception, launch, execution and completion; and
- ii. Regular meetings of bilateral Project Steering Committees, and site visits are arranged, as required, to review monitor and address factors affecting timely and effective implementation of projects.

(c) & (d) The projects undertaken by the Ministry since January 2012 in other countries are ongoing and at different stages of execution. These projects are monitored closely by the respective Project Authorities/Steering Committees and, barring unforeseen local factors, are so far proceeding satisfactorily.