

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDING OF PROJECTS IN BHUTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is funding/supporting any developmental infrastructural projects in Bhutan;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the present status of those projects?

Answer

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

(a) Yes

(b) & (c) India is Bhutan's principal developmental partner. Since 1961, GOI has extended financial assistance to Bhutan's successive Five Year Plans for its socio-economic development. The various projects and schemes implemented with our assistance are identified by the Royal Government of Bhutan in accordance with their budgetary priorities. The areas of our project assistance include agriculture, information and communications technology, hydropower, health, tertiary education, human resource development, roads, energy, urban development, judiciary, constitutional offices and civil aviation etc. Our assistance under the Small Developmental Projects (SDPs) scheme includes drinking water, irrigation and community projects. During the visit of the Prime Minister of Bhutan to India in August 2013, a GoI assistance package of Rs. 4500 Crore towards Bhutan's 11th Five Year Plan from 2013-2018 was announced.