

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4190
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NALANDA UNIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has sanctioned any financial support to Nalanda University;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the details of terms and conditions for such financial support;
- (c) whether voluntary contributions have been made by any participating countries to the said university;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the number of students from various countries who are likely to be benefited from the said university?

Answer

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

- (a) The Government has sanctioned Rs.2727.10 crore to the University during its establishment phase from 2010-11 to 2021-22.
- (b) The estimated capital cost of the project is Rs.1749.65 crore. The recurring expenditure projected from 2014-15 onwards is Rs.977.45 crore. Funds will be allocated from Ministry's Plan Budget as per annual funding requirements.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) The following participating countries have so far made voluntary contributions:

China: US\$ 1 million for a China floor in the library
Thailand: US\$ 100,000
Laos: US\$ 50,000
Indonesia: US\$ 30,000

Citizens of Singapore have offered to design, build and deliver University's library at a cost of US\$ 5 million. Australia has offered Australian \$ 1 million for a Chair in the School of Ecology and Environment Studies. Japan has pledged to use its Official Development Assistance for the renovation of highways leading to the University.

- (e) The total number of students is expected to be 2,450 when all the seven Schools start teaching by the year 2017-18. It is not possible at this stage to assess the number of foreign students.