

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3142
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2009
KALADAN MULTIMODEL TRANSIT TRANSPORT PROJECT
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Kaladan multimodel transit and transport agreement signed between India and Myanmar last year is now operational;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether, as per the agreement, India has begun investing US\$100 million for building a land and river transport project that will connect India's north-eastern State of Mizoram with Myanmar's Sittwe port in the Bay of Bengal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, including the status of the project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIS. M. KRISHNA)

(a) Yes.

(b) to (d) On 27 March 2008 Cabinet approved the project at a total cost of Rs.535.91 Crore. The Agreement/Protocols on the Implementation of the project were signed on 2 April 2008 between Government of India and Government of Myanmar. Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) is the nodal agency for the Government of India. The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has been appointed as the Project Development Consultant for implementation of the project. The DPR was updated recently by IWAI.

As envisaged in the Agreement, IWAI has floated the tender for the project.