

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BCIM Corridor
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether China and India are adding fresh momentum to the establishment of the Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar economic corridor;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India is now showing enthusiasm over the project, which will link Kolkata with Kunming; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (d) Bangladesh, China, India and Myanmar have agreed to establish a Joint Study Group (JSG) on strengthening connectivity in the BCIM region for closer economic, trade, and people-to-people linkages through the development of a BCIM Economic Corridor (BCIM-EC). The first meeting of the BCIM-EC JSG was held in Kunming, China on December 18-19, 2013. The second meeting of BCIM-EC JSG was held in Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh on 17-18 December 2014. India has participated in two rounds of JSG meetings in 2013 and 2014. At the second meeting of the JSG, it was decided that the third meeting should be hosted by India in 2015.
