

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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BBIN Corridor

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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has recently signed an agreement for creating a BBIN (Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal) corridor to promote cooperation among the SAARC countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to sign a similar agreement with Afghanistan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has signed any agreement to link roads with Myanmar and Thailand to promote cooperation trade with the neighbouring countries; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these roads are likely to be opened?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) A quadrilateral Motor Vehicles Agreement (MVA) was signed between four of the eight SAARC countries – Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal (BBIN) – on 15 June, 2015 in Thimphu, Bhutan by the Transport Ministers of the BBIN countries, for the regulation of passenger, personal and cargo vehicular traffic between the four countries. This BBIN MVA will allow the BBIN countries to move forward with implementation of land transport facilitation arrangements between and among them, enable the exchange of traffic rights and ease cross-border movement of goods, vehicles and people, thereby helping to expand people-to-people contact, trade and economic exchanges between them. The BBIN MVA would make cross border trade and transport in and through the North Eastern region of India to and from Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal more efficient.

(c) & (d) India and Afghanistan have agreed to sign a Bilateral Motor Vehicles Agreement for the Regulation of Passenger, Personal and Cargo Vehicular Traffic to facilitate trade and movement of people between the two countries.

(e) & (f) There is no agreement between India, Myanmar and Thailand for linking roads.

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