

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:519  
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2014  
INDIAN PROJECTS IN AFGHANISTAN  
Mohan Shri P. C.

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

- (a) whether India has been playing a major role in the development and reconstruction of Afghanistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the developmental/other projects executed/being executed by India in Afghanistan during the past three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of expenditure incurred and funds granted as aid to Afghanistan for the various projects during the above period, year-wise, project-wise;
- (d) the number of Indian workers engaged in various projects and the security arrangements put in place by the Afghan Government for their protection; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to wind up these projects and pull out the workers in the wake of the US decision to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan and if so, the details in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 519 REGARDING "INDIAN PROJECTS IN AFGHANISTAN" FOR ANSWER ON 13.08.2014

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c) The details of the Projects undertaken by India in Afghanistan during the past three years and the current year including details of expenditure incurred under "Aid to Afghanistan" for these projects during the above period, year-wise, project-wise have been provided at Annexure I of the statement.

(d) Currently, 111 Indian workers are deployed at the Afghan Parliament Building site in Kabul and around 180 Indian workers are working on site at the Salma dam project in Afghanistan. The security agencies of the Government of Afghanistan are working closely with the Government of India for upgrading security arrangements, as appropriate, at the project sites.

(e) No, Madam.