

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LAND CUSTOMS STATIONS AND BORDER HAATS

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Land Customs Stations (LCSs) and Border Haats presently functional/ operational and proposed to be set up along the Indian border, particularly in North-Eastern States and along the Indo-Bangla border, location-wise;
- (b) whether some of approved stations/haats are still not operational, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the time by which the same are likely to be operationalised;
- (c) the expenditure incurred on such stations/haats along with the revenue generated therefrom during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) the extent to which such stations/haats help in boosting trade relations with neighbouring countries along with the status of trade (export-import) and passengers movement along such stations/haats during the said period;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to establish Bangladesh-China-India and Myanmar economic corridor and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the further measures taken by the Government to improve the functioning of such stations/haats and trade relations with neighbouring countries including Bangladesh?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) to (d) The data is being compiled and reconciled.

(e) A Joint Study Group has been constituted by Ministry of External Affairs.

(f) Issues relating to improvement in trade infrastructure are taken up with the neighbouring countries, based upon the specific inputs received from concerned State Governments. Bilateral and multilateral trade discussions are held with India's neighbours from time to time, to explore mechanisms to enhance trade.