

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4887
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2022**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH BHUTAN AND SRI LANKA

4887. DR. TALARI RANGAIAH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bhutan and Sri Lanka; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome expected therefrom?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]**

(a) & (b) In the last three years, India has signed MoUs with Bhutan in the areas of environment, space cooperation, connectivity between knowledge networks of India and Bhutan, aircraft accidents and incident investigation, legal and judicial education, academic exchanges and STEM cooperation etc.

With Sri Lanka, in the last three years, MoUs have been signed in various sectors including infrastructure, development cooperation, housing, renewable energy, defence, education, culture, information technology, fisheries, capacity building and training.

The MoUs are expected to advance cooperation in the aforementioned sectors and will contribute to further deepening of relations with Bhutan and Sri Lanka in line with the Government's "Neighbourhood First" policy.

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