

Considering the importance of Indian Ocean Region where important trade routes are located, Indian Navy warships are also being deployed in the region for various purposes which also facilitates protection of Indian vessels.

Financial aid from UK to build a modern infrastructure

*190. SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry will be getting financial aid from UK's financial markets to build a modern infrastructure in India;
- (b) the details of the proposed modern infrastructure;
- (c) whether Government is going to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with British Government which will include partnership in areas like construction, investment, road safety, training, licensing and inspections; and
- (d) what will be the impact on our economy of signing of this MoU and what type of benefits will be there for the citizens of our country?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no such proposal for getting financial aid from UK's financial markets to build Highways. However, 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is permitted under the automatic route for the Highways sector projects.

(c) and (d) There is a proposal for Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on co-operation in the road transport and road sector between the Government of India and Government of the United Kingdom seeking co-operation with U.K. in the areas of motor vehicle testing, driver training, maintaining Highways networks, professional training etc. benefiting our economy and citizens.

Checking terrorist activities from across the border

†*191. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken by Indian Government for checking terrorist activities being carried out from across the border;
- (b) the number of terrorists apprehended and killed by the security forces during last three years, separately; and
- (c) the number of Jawans of security forces of the country martyred and number of civilians killed by terrorists during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) The Government has been, on a continuing basis, reviewing the security arrangements in the light of the emerging challenges, and a number of important decisions and measures have been taken. These measures, *inter-alia*, include

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