

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1351
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2021

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN

1351. SHRI VAIKO:

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian officials are engaged with Taliban delegation for providing humanitarian assistance to the affected people in the strife-torn Afghanistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether foodgrains like wheat are proposed to be provided to Afghanistan;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to improve diplomatic and economic relations with Afghanistan; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) to (e) As a contiguous neighbor and long-standing partner of Afghanistan, India is concerned about recent developments in that country, especially the deteriorating humanitarian situation.

Our special relationship with the Afghan people and UNSC Resolution 2593 would continue to guide India's approach to Afghanistan. In this endeavour, India has committed to provide 50,000 MT of wheat, essential life saving medicines and COVID vaccines to the Afghan people as humanitarian assistance in coordination with the specialized agencies of the United Nations.
