

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO – 1672**  
ANSWERED ON – 13/03/2025

**BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH BANGLADESH**

1672. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN

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

- a) whether Government has modified its status of bilateral relations with Bangladesh in the light of recent diplomatic developments;
- b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- c) whether any communication has been made by the Union Government to the Government of Bangladesh regarding clarification on bilateral ties between the two nations; and
- d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (d) India supports a democratic, stable, peaceful, progressive and inclusive Bangladesh. India continues to view Bangladesh as an important neighbour and development partner in South Asia and desires a constructive engagement towards advancing the shared interests of the people of both countries in political, security, economic and cultural areas.

While India has continued to engage with the Interim Government of Bangladesh, our expectations regarding the need for Bangladesh to maintain a positive narrative of the relationship has also been conveyed to the Interim Government of Bangladesh. This was underlined during the visit to Dhaka of Foreign Secretary Shri Vikram Misri in December 2024 and reiterated during the meeting of External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar with the Foreign Affairs Adviser Mr. Md. Touhid Hossain of the Interim Government of Bangladesh on 16 February 2025 in Muscat.

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