

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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RECONSTRUCTION WORKS IN IRAQ
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the role being played by India in the reconstruction works in Iraq; and
- (b) the details of the benefits likely to be accrued to India as a result of its bilateral ties with Iraq?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) In response to UN Secretary-General's appeal in 2003, India has committed US \$ 20 million for assistance to the Iraqi people for rehabilitation and reconstruction. Government of India has also contributed an amount of US \$ 10 million to the two Iraq Trust Funds being coordinated by the UN and World Bank respectively for reconstruction of Iraq. India has offered assistance to Iraq in the reconstruction work through capacity-building and development of its human resources by providing training in India to Iraqi officials in wide ranging areas. As part of humanitarian assistance, Government of India has supplied milk powder to Iraqi children and is providing fortified biscuits to Iraqi school children in cooperation with the UN World Food Programme.

(b) India's relations with Iraq will be further strengthened to mutual benefit.