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**Title:** Need to provide opportunities to Indian Construction Industry for undertaking reconstruction work in Afghanistan.

DR. (SHRIMATI) C. SUGUNA KUMARI (PEDDAPALLI): Sir, as the Indian Government has offered to provide funds for reconstruction in Afghanistan, the Indian construction industry can work on reconstruction in Afghanistan and show its talents. For this purpose, Indian contractors could be selected and the works can be got implemented through them. Instead of cash assistance to Afghanistan, the payment for works should be released to the contractors directly, thus providing Indian construction industry opportunities to work overseas and show its capabilities.

The Andhra Pradesh Government, under the initiative of its Chief Minister, has established National Academy of Construction at Hyderabad headed by a retired IAS officer. It is conducting training programmes for Engineers, Technicians, skilled workers and tradesmen, etc. The Institute has also proposed to conduct a training programme to the Engineers of Government of Afghanistan. I request the Government of India that, as suggested by Andhra Pradesh Government, the National Academy of Construction, Hyderabad should be involved in working out the modalities for reconstruction in Afghanistan and also for undertaking training and construction work for Afghanistan.