

Status of Transport Connectivity including Transit Facilitation in Southern Asia

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Myanmar Profile

National data

- Population 52 millions
- Land Area
 676,578 sq.km
- Arable 19.2%
- Coastal Line 2800 km
- Road Length 148690 km
- ESCAP Membership 19 April 1948

Myanmar is a member of such sub-regional networks as the India-Myanmar-Thailand Highway, the ASEAN Mekong Basin Development Cooperation (AMBDC), the Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) Economic Corridor, the Mekong-Ginga Cooperation and the Mekong Subregion.

Myanmar Perspective

- Transport is a key to sustainable development and regional integration. Transport connectivity contributes towards the regional development, economic growth and fortifies relations among the neighbouring countries.
- Myanmar believes a stronger integrated partnership in the Asia Pacific region will greatly contribute to member countries and people as a whole. The development of the infrastructural network will not only expand the region market but also capture international markets. It plays the key role for the country's economic growth and regional connectivity, integration and mutual benefits.
- Nowadays, most countries in the Asia have been connected through the Asian Highway Network and the Trans-Asian Railway Network, which will benefit coastal countries and small island developing states by means of maritime services.

Myanmar Perspective

- Myanmar is in a geographically strategic position to greatly benefit both South Asia and Southeast Asia.
- Myanmar is now regarded as a newly emerging destination for business on account of its strategic geographical location, moderate climate fit for the cultivation of various crops, huge market size, and high production output at low costs.
- Our Country; Myanmar has recognized the importance of improving its domestic transport network, including roads that connect to the subregional corridors.
- Some of the roads Links between the nodal points of Border Trade Posts at the border with neighbouring countries, such as Muse, Lwejel and Chinshwehaw with China border, Tachileik, Myawady, Kawthaung and (Myeik) Mawtaung with Thai border, Tamu and Rhi, Maridwa with India border and Maungdaw with Bangladesh border.

Connectivity with India; Road

- India Myanmar Thailand Tripartite Highway;
 - Tamu Kalay (Kyikone) upgraded as AH 3 and Kalay (Kyikone) Kalaywa; under upgrading by Border Road Organization, India
 - FS for the upgrading of 70 Nos. Bridges on Tamu Kalay (Kyikone)
 Kalaywa route was finished and under tendering process
 - Kalaywa- Yagyi Monywa route is under FS process, Survey and Detailed Project Report (DPR) will be followed.
- Linking Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam with India-Myanmar-Thailand Highway.
- **Reed (India) Tiddim (Myn)Road** : upgrading project of India assistance. MoU singed and under the tendering process by Ministry of External Affairs, India.

Connectivity with India





Bus Routes from Imphal(India) to Mandalay(Myanmar)



- Route (1): From Tamu to Mandalay Tamu – Kalay –Gangaw- Pale - Monywa -Mandalay.
 Road Length: (352)miles/(566)Km (The route can be used in all seasons.)
- Route (2): From Tamu to Mandalay
 Tamu- Kalay (Kyikone)- Kalaywa- Yagyi -Monywa - Mandalay.

Road Length: (300) miles/(489)Km (The route can not be used in the Rainy Season).

 Route (3) : From Tamu to Mandalay
 Tamu – Kalay – Gangaw – Pakokku - Bagan (NyaungU) – Kyaukpadaung – Meiktila -Mandalay.

Road Length: (510)miles/(821)Km.

(The route can be used in all seasons.)

Connectivity with India;Imphal- Mandalay Bus Service

- First Technical Level Meeting was held on 17-September 2012 and Route 2 has been selected.
- Second Inter-Ministerial Technical Level Meeting was held on 13 June 2014 and both sides negotiated the contents of Draft MoU and Protocol.
- The Bus Route would be finalized by the India-Myanmar Joint Inspection Team and now under process.



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