



Bangladesh and transport corridors in a world of globalisation

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Member of Regional and International Organisations

- South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)
- South Asia Sub-regional Economic Cooperation (SASEC)
- Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)
- World Trade Organisation (WTO)
- World Customs Organisations (WCO)

Transit Agreements

- Transit and trade agreement with India on road, rail and water transport
- Transit and trade agreement with Nepal on road and rail transport
- Transit and trade agreement with Bhutan on road
- Bangladesh helping Myanmar for road corridor development

Of them Nepal and Bhutan are landlocked countries surrounded by India in the region

Road Transit Corridors

There are 181 border posts (land customs stations) at international boundary of Bangladesh, of them

- Trade with India facilitates by 12 exit and entry points through traffic-in-transit agreement
- Trade with Nepal facilitates by 6 exit and entry points through traffic-in-transit agreement
- Trade with Bhutan facilitates by 8 exit and entry points through traffic-in-transit agreement



Neighbouring Countries and Trade by Modes

Inbound traffic (year 2005)	Metric ton
By road	3,851,760
By rail	871,758
By water	555,590
Outbound traffic (year 2005)	Metric ton
By road	496,330
By rail	0
By water	0

Trade by Land/Dry Port

Neighbouring countries	US\$ in million
India	1,050
Bhutan	2.5
Nepal	0.6
Myanmar	58
Total foreign trade	13,100
Trade balance	(-) 2,000

Impact of Road Corridor/Transport Chain

- On employment generation by
 - forwarding agents
 - warehouse operators
 - hotel and restaurant business
 - new branch of bank and other facilities
- On urbanisation
 - new government offices
 - new government housing
 - private housing and educational institution

Initiatives Needs in Future

- Rationalisation of Axle-load
- Initiate cross border trade
- Improvement of border crossing services
- Improvement of trade facilitation environment
- Development of inter-modal/multi-modal transport system

Conclusions

- Bangladesh opening more road transport corridors to the neighbouring countries
- Implementing South Asian Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA) under SAARC
- Opening new transport corridors under BIMSTEC
- Needs multilateral agreement
- Needs through-freight movement agreement
- Improvement of trade facilitation environment



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