

Bangladesh Conditions Prime Minister Tarique Rahman's India Visit on Sheikh Hasina Extradition

Bangladesh Foreign Ministry stated that Prime Minister Tarique Rahman will not visit India until New Delhi processes the extradition of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

A diplomatic dispute regarding the formal extradition request made under the 2013 India-Bangladesh Extradition Treaty.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Bangladesh announced that Prime Minister **Tarique Rahman**'s visit to India requires a propitious environment linked to the extradition of **Sheikh Hasina**.
- Sheikh Hasina fled to India following political unrest and anti-government protests in **Bangladesh** in **2024**.
- Foreign ministry official **A.K.M. Shahidul Karim** stated that **Dhaka** has formally urged New Delhi to expedite extradition proceedings.
- The Indian Ministry of External Affairs maintained that Bangladesh's **extradition request** is currently under examination.
- Departing from the traditional first visit to India, Prime Minister Rahman visited **Malaysia** and **China** after assuming office in February.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

India and Bangladesh signed a bilateral **Extradition Treaty** in January **2013**, which was subsequently amended in **2016** to simplify legal procedures.

Extradition matters in India are governed by the **Extradition Act, 1962**, under the nodal administration of the Ministry of External Affairs.

India shares its longest land border of **4,096.7 km** with Bangladesh, covering five Indian states: **West Bengal**, Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Mizoram.

The **100th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2015** operationalised the 1974 **Land Boundary Agreement** and its 2011 Protocol between India and Bangladesh.

Article 51 of the Indian Constitution, under the **Directive Principles of State Policy**, directs the State to promote international peace, security, and treaty obligations.

The **Maitree Super Thermal Power Project** at **Rampal** is a key bilateral energy collaboration between India and Bangladesh.

REVISION FLASHCARD

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Syllabus Relevance: Important for TNPSC Group 1 & 2 exams under International Relations, India's Neighbourhood Policy, Bilateral Treaties, and Constitutional Article 51.

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