

Embassy of India
Thimphu

Press Release: Allowing two-way movement of cargo vehicles via Land Customs Station at Ahllay, Pasakha

Acting in response to an urgent request received from the Royal Government of Bhutan, the Government of India has allowed both the import and export of goods to be facilitated via the Land Customs Station at Ahllay, Pasakha on the India-Bhutan border with effect from 19 August 2020. The one-way movement of cargo from India into Bhutan through Ahllay had already commenced on 15 July 2020.

India's prompt decision to allow Bhutan to begin exporting goods to India through Ahllay will greatly mitigate any disruption in the movement of goods between the two countries arising from the recent outbreak of Covid-19 at Phuentsholing.

Bhutan is India's closest partner and friend and India's response in record time is a reflection of the special bonds of trust and understanding between India and Bhutan that have existed over decades. Going forward, India will continue to extend all possible support to Bhutan to minimize the health and economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.



Image: The first truck containing goods from Bhutan crossing over into India through Ahllay, Pasakha on 19 August 2020.

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