


Embassy of India  
Thimphu

**BHUTAN– FACT SHEET**



**Official Name** : Royal Kingdom of Bhutan  
**Capital** : Thimphu  
**Area** : 38,394 sq km  
**Geographical Coordinates** : 27 30 N, 90 30 E

**Flag** : 

**Population** : 745,153 (2014)  
**Population Density:** 19.4 per sq. km  
**Religion:** Buddhist 75%, Hinduism 25%  
**Head of State** : King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck (since 14 December 2006); Coronation took place on 6 November 2008.

**Prime Minister/Lyonchhen:** Tshering Tobgay

**System of Government:** Constitutional Monarchy. The PM is assisted by a Council of Ministers (10) nominated by the King in consultation with the PM. The bicameral Parliament consists of the non-partisan National Council (25 seats; 20 elected members representing the 20 districts (dzongkhags) for five-year terms and 5 members nominated by the King); and the National Assembly (47 seats; members elected by direct, popular vote for five-year terms). The last elections to the National Council were held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2013 and to the National Assembly on 13 July 2013. PDP won 32 out of 47 seats in the general elections.

**Currency** : Ngultrum (Ngultrum is pegged at par with INR)  
**Nominal GDP** : USD 1.96 billion (2014)  
**GDP Real growth rate** : 5.46% in 2014  
**GDP per capita:** USD 2611.74 (2014)  
**GDP by sector :** Primary Sector (crops, livestock, forestry and logging): 16.2%; Secondary Sector (mining and quarrying, manufacturing, electricity, water supply and construction): 42.3%; Tertiary Sector (wholesale & retail trade, hotel and restaurants, transport, storage, communication, finance, insurance and real estate): 41.5%

**Inflation rate** : 8.6% (2014)

## **Foreign Trade**

<b>Global Imports</b>	:	Nu. 56.9 billion (2014)
<b>Global Exports</b>	:	Nu. 35.6 billion (2014)
<b>India's share in Bhutan's imports:</b>		83.9%
<b>India's share in Bhutan's exports:</b>		89.66%
<b>India's Exports</b>	:	Nu. 47.8 billion (2014)
<b>Major items</b>		High speed diesel, ferrous products, motor spirit including aviation spirit (petrol), rice, ferrous waste and scraps, wood charcoal, hydraulic turbines, ,coal, briquette and similar solid fuel of coal, coke and semi coke of coal, bar and rods of iron and non alloy steels, corrugated iron and non alloy steel sheet, soybean oil, milk powder etc.
<b>India's Imports</b>	:	Nu. 31.8 billion (including electricity) (2014)
<b>Major items</b>		Electricity, ferro-alloys, carbides, bar and rods, cement, copper wire, semi finished products of iron and non-alloy steel, Dolomite, gypsum, agri products such as oranges, cardamom and potatoes.

## **Development Assistance:**

<b>India's financial commitment for Bhutan's 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan :</b>		Rs. 4500 crores (Rs. 2800 crores towards Project Tied Assistance, Rs. 850 crores for Small Development Projects, Rs. 850 crore as Programme Grant) and Rs. 500 crore towards Economic Stimulus Package. This amount excludes grants and loans for HEPs.
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## **Economic Cooperation:**

India has set up 3 Hydro Electric Projects so far: 336 MW Chukha HEP, 60 MW Kurichhu and 1020 MW Tala HEP. 3 more projects are under implementation: 1200 MW Punatsangchhu-I HEP, 1020 MW Punatsangchhu-II HEP, and 720 MW Mangdechhu HEP. IG agreement has been signed for development of 4 JV HEPs. Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Bhutan in June 2014 laid the foundation stone of Kholongchhu HEP, a JV project between DGPC and SJVNL, on June 16, 2014.

## **Indian Community:**

There are about 60,000 Indian nationals living in Bhutan, employed mostly in hydro-electric projects and construction and roads industry. In addition, between 8000 and 10,000 day workers come into Bhutan everyday to work in border towns.

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