

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2108  
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U.K. AID FOR PROTECTION OF VULTURE  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether U.K. propose to give aid to India to save vulture;
- (b) if so, the details of the plan made in this regard; and
- (c) the time by which the project is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a),(b)&(c) Government of India has not received any offer for grant of assistance for conservation of vultures from Government of U.K. However, Darwin Initiative Trust, U.K. is funding a 3 year project entitled `Conservation of critically endangered Gyps spp. Vultures in India` through Bombay Natural History Society, Mumbai. The project is being funded with effect from 1-4-2001 with an estimated budget of about Rs.21 lakhs. The objective of the project is to produce a recovery plan for the vultures in India and to develop the capacity to implement the plan.