

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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LOANS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether several countries including Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya and Sudan have not repaid the loans provided to them by India;
- (b) if so, the details of the measures taken for recovery of these loans;
- (c) the names of the countries against whom loans are outstanding alongwith the dates when such loans became due including the details of the amounts of loans; and
- (d) the measures being taken by the Government to recover the loans at an early date ?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance ( Shri Balasaheb Vikhe Patil )

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 654 answered on 10th May, 2002

(a) to (d): The Government of India has extended lines of credit to various countries. However, no line of credit has been extended to the Government of Sudan by the Government of India. Some countries like Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya, which have availed of GOI lines of credit and are Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC), are unable to repay their dues.

The details of outstanding Government of India dues in respect of these countries are as under:

Country	Principal	Interest
Uganda	US \$ 3 .207 million (as on 30.6.2001)	US \$ 1.189 million (as on 30.6.2001)
Tanzania	Rs.14.17 crores (as on 31.3.2002)	Rs.14.39 crores (as on 31.3.2002)
Kenya	Rs.0.059 crores (as on 31.3.2002)	Rs.0.74 crores (as on 31.3.2002)

Government of India had been trying to resolve this problem of outstanding debt through bilateral discussions. Some of the options being considered were - local investment by Indian companies, repayment in kind and equity participation in Government-owned companies being privatized.

However, in response to HIPC Initiative started by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank (WB) to reduce the debt of these Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC), Government of India is examining the modalities of providing debt relief to these countries.