

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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BILATERAL COOPERATION WITH SWITZERLAND

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Switzerland has been providing bilateral development cooperation assistance to India since 1960;
- (b) if so, the details of the assistance provided by Switzerland during the last three years; and
- (c) the details of the projects being undertaken with such assistance during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) & (b) Yes. Switzerland had been extending economic and technical assistance to India since 1964. However, following revision of GO's policy guidelines in 2003, and later in 2004, relating to bilateral development assistance, Official Development Assistance (ODA) from non G-8 countries is acceptable only if:

- (i) the annual commitment under ODA by such a country is at least USD 25 million; and
- (ii) it meets the other conditions, mainly that it should not be 'tied' to the supplies/ consultancy from the donor country.No new projects assisted by Switzerland have been signed subsequent to 2003-2004.

(c) The details of the disbursement for the last three years made by Switzerland in respect of projects signed prior to 2003, which have been ongoing for last three years is given in the table below:

Name of Project Loan/Grant Disbursement (Rs. in Crore)
2004-05 2005-06 2006-07 2007-08
(as on 31/07/07)

Neriamangalam Hydro- Loan 14.329 0.248 1.541 00.00
Electric project

Sericulture Project Grant 2.50 00.00 00.00 00.00

Neriamangalam Hydro- Grant 9.587 00.00 1.027 00.00
Electric Project