

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the share of grant and loan in the annual financial assistance provided to Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh by India during 2008-09 to 2010-11; and

(b) the details of the proposed assistance to be given to these nations for the year 2011-12?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) & (b) The details of grant-in-aid and financial assistance given to Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan for the years 2008-09, 2009-10 & 2010-11 is as under:

FY Pakistan Bangladesh Afghanistan

2010-2011 US Dollars 25 million Rs.1.65 Crore Rs. 323.5 Crores#
(Rs. 114.7 Crores
approximately)

2009-2010 Nil Rs.1.37 Crore Rs. 208.49 Crores

2008-2009 Rs. 1.01 Crore Rs. 75 lakhs Rs. 410.41 Crores
approximately

Up to February 2011

During the visit of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to India in January 2010, India agreed to extend US\$ 1 billion Line of Credit to Bangladesh at the fixed rate of 1.75 % per annum.