

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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AID AGREEMENT WITH THE UK  
Pal Shri Jagdambika

**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether India has signed an aid agreement with the United Kingdom (UK) International Development Agency for the eradication of poverty;
- (b) If so, the details thereof for the last one year, project-wise, State-wise and the agencies that will implement such aids; and
- (c) the details of Government's policy relating to receipt of bilateral aid for the poverty eradication programme?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance ( SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA )

(a): The United Kingdom (UK) has been providing development assistance to India since 1958 in the form of grants through their Department for International Development (DFID) to Central and State sector programmes, apart from providing grants to multilateral agencies and civil society organisations. The development assistance from UK to India is focused on programmes in social sectors such as education, health, slum development and rural livelihoods, governance reforms, etc. within the overarching framework of poverty alleviation.

(b): A statement indicating the agreements signed during the last one year (April, 2010 – March, 2011), project-wise, State-wise and the agencies implementing these projects is annexed.

(c): As per the extant policy, Government of India accepts bilateral development assistance only from G-8 countries (USA, UK, Japan, Germany, France, Italy, Canada and the Russian Federation) and the European Commission, apart from multilateral agencies. Other European Union members outside G8 can also provide development assistance to India provided they commit US\$ 25 million per annum. These countries can also provide bilateral development assistance directly to autonomous institutions, universities, NGOs, etc.

**ANNEXURE**

The details of the agreements signed during the last one year (April,2010 – March,2011), project-wise, State-wise and the agencies implementing these projects:

| Sl.No | Name of Project   | Central/<br>State Agency | Implementing<br>DFID /Closing          | Amount of<br>assistance<br>amount in ₹<br>million<br>(`in crores) | Date of Signing           |
|-------|---|--------------------------|--|---|---------------------------|
| 1     | Support to National Policies for Urban Poverty Reduction under JNNURM | Central                  | M/o.Housing & Poverty Alleviation, GoI | 15.50 (111.60)  | 14.04.2010/<br>31.03.2012 |
| 2     | Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Phase II (SSA-II) Additional Funding. GoI       | Central                  | M/o.Human Resource Development, GoI    | 149.00 (1072.80)  | 01.09.2010/<br>31.03.2013 |
| 3     | Sector-wise approach to Strengthening Health (SWASTH) Bihar           | Central                  | Health Department Govt. of Bihar       | 145.00 (1044.00)  | 01.09.2010/<br>31.03.2016 |

