

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the total financial aid being received by the Union Government from United Kingdom Government at present;
- (b) whether UK Government proposes to end the aid being provided to India by 2015;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the likely impact of no aid from UK on Indian economy ; and
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Indian Government to fill the gap in the wake of no financial aid to India?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Under the India-UK Development Cooperation Programme, the United Kingdom through its Department for International Development (DFID) has provided the following financial aid for the Government sector programmes during the period from 2011-12 and 2012-13 (upto October 2012):

(Rs. in crore)	
2011-12 (upto October 2012)	2012-13
1689.42	204.45

(b) and (c): The Government of United Kingdom has announced on November 09, 2012 that no new financial aid grants will be made to India with immediate effect. However, the programmes already underway will be completed by 2015 as planned. The technical assistance programmes and the Pro-poor Private Sector Development Initiatives (PSDI) in eight low income States of the Country (viz. Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Bihar, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan) will continue.

(d) and (e): Percentage of contribution of UK's financial assistance to India against the Gross Domestic Product of the country during the last four years has been approximately 0.036 percent. Hence, its discontinuation is not likely to have much impact on the Indian economy. The projects / programmes already underway will be completed. The Technical Assistance Programme and the Pro- poor Private Sector Development Initiatives (PSDI) will continue to receive assistance from the UK.