

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether UK has announced its plans to focus on technical cooperation and private sector investment to assist some of the backward regions of our country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) : Yes Sir. The Government of United Kingdom has, inter-alia, announced on November 09, 2012 that Technical Assistance Programme focused on sharing skills & expertise and 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, henceforth, be accorded greater focus under the Bilateral Development Programme