

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3863  
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CHOPPER PROBE  
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has sought the help of Britain in the probe against corruption in the helicopter contract with Agustawestland; and

(b) if so, the response of the British authorities thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) India-UK talks were held in New Delhi on 19 February 2013 during the official visit to India of the British Prime Minister, Mr. David Cameron. This matter was raised by the Indian side during the discussions. India's very serious concerns regarding allegations about unethical means used in securing the 2010 contract for AgustaWestland helicopters was raised at the highest levels. India also sought full assistance from the UK in this case which elicited a positive response from the UK side.