

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN FUNDS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate and issue such guidelines as would enable Non-Governmental Organizations, universities and other voluntary organizations to receive assistance direct from other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, whether the receiving institution would directly be responsible to repay the debt received as assistance and the Government would not give any guarantee in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details of decision taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) to (d): As a follow up of the announcements made in the Finance Minister's Budget Speech for 2003-04, it has been decided to discontinue taking aid from certain bilateral partners. Any further grants from these bilateral partners would be directed towards institutions, universities, NGOs etc. and not to the central or state governments. Government is in the process of finalizing the guidelines for governing its reoriented bilateral cooperation policy.