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Joan Ruddock: To ask the Secretary of State for International Development

(1) What contributions the Government have made to the implementation of Vision 2020 by the Government of Andhra Pradesh; and if she will make a statement; [4936]

(2) What steps have been taken to ensure that the needs of the poorest and most marginalized in Andhra Pradesh have been included in the design and implementation of Vision 2020; and what financial costs have been incurred by the United Kingdom Government as a result of these steps; [4934]

(3) What assessment she has made of the economic, social and environmental impact of implementing Vision 2020 in Andhra Pradesh. [4935]

Clare Short: Vision 2020 sets out a series of goals, including the eradication of poverty in the state in 20 years. The document is a draft on which the Andhra Pradesh Government have sought comments and views from civil society. To attain the goals outlined in Vision 2020, the AP Government are developing strategies, on which they are also consulting. Officials from my Department have been involved in some of the discussions because Andhra Pradesh is one of our partner states in India.

A DFID strategy paper, which sets out our approach to assisting in the elimination of poverty in the state, has been published. A copy is being placed in the Library.

Andhra Pradesh

Joan Ruddock: To ask the Secretary of State for International Development if she will provide a sectoral breakdown of the funding provided by the United Kingdom Government to the Government of Andhra Pradesh in (a) the past three years and (b) the next three years. [4933]

Clare Short: The table shows the amounts that DFID has spent in Andhra Pradesh in the last three years, and an estimate of the amounts, which will be spent this year and the next two years on existing projects. A number of new project proposals are under discussion.

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	1998-99 ⁽⁴⁾	1999-2000 ⁽⁴⁾	2000-01 ⁽⁴⁾	2001-02 ⁽⁵⁾	2002-03 ⁽⁵⁾	2003-04 ⁽⁵⁾
						£000
Urban poverty	425	92	933	11,000	15,000	15,000
Rural livelihoods	86	40	48	3,000	6,500	7,500
Power sector reform	1,211	4,510	5,867	5,300	5,300	5,000
Energy efficiency	1,018	2,535	5,950	8,000	2,000	--
Economic reform	--	666	961	1,000	1,000	800
Primary education	4,092	4,601	3,895	3,500	4,000	4,000
Child labour	21	564	586	900	1,100	--
Tackling TB	190	6,004	841	1,800	2,000	2,000

⁽⁴⁾ Actual ⁽⁵⁾ Estimated

Note:

In addition to the expenditure given above, DFID is supporting a number of national and multi-state projects, which cover Andhra Pradesh, but it is not possible to isolate the money that is spent in AP. These projects are for micro-enterprise, sexual health, water and sanitation, and training of police.

Vision 2020

Mr. Alan Simpson: To ask the Secretary of State for International Development what support her Department has given to the Vision 2020 proposals for agricultural reform in Andhra Pradesh, India.

Clare Short: DFID is providing £45 million over seven years to support a major rural livelihoods project in Andhra Pradesh. A key objective is to support the development of agricultural productivity in the state's rain-fed drylands. Another objective is to support the state Government's capacity to address key policy issues in agriculture, natural resources management and rural development.

We are also currently financing a review of public expenditure in the state. This review will assist the state Government in reallocating resources to meet the Vision 2020 objectives, including those in the agricultural sector.

With the World Bank, we are considering budgetary assistance to Andhra Pradesh. In the rural sector, the proposed programme would help the state Government provide the necessary enabling environment for faster agricultural growth.