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SUBJECT: Indian Economic Assistance [redacted]

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1. Data on recent Indian economic assistance to countries in South and Southeast Asia, which you requested, are shown in the attached table. [redacted]

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2. Indian official data do not show any support for Afghanistan since 1978. However, some grant aid for Afghanistan may be included in the budget for technical and economic cooperation. Country allocations of expenditure on technical and economic cooperation are not published. The total amount of such aid for all countries was \$3.1 million in FY 1981, \$2.4 million in FY 1982, and \$4.8 million in FY 1983. An increase to \$7.1 million was planned for FY 1984. [redacted]

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3. Press reports note that 29 Indian technicians were working in Afghanistan in 1982: 16 doctors and para-medical staff at a children's hospital in Kabul, 5 experts at a hydroelectric power project, one expert at an industrial estate, and others working in government ministries. [redacted]

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4. Indian officials said that 28 Indian experts, financed by the Indian government, were working in Afghanistan in mid-1982, most of them at the Institute for Child Health. India had agreed to a slight increase, probably several doctors. The total value of Indian technical assistance was less than \$100,000. [redacted]

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Attachment:
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INDIAN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

| | | Million Dollars | | | | | |
|---------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|
| | | <u>Bangladesh</u> | <u>Bhutan</u> | <u>Burma</u> | <u>Nepal</u> | <u>Sri Lanka</u> | <u>Vietnam</u> |
| 1980-81 | Authorizations | | | | | | |
| | Total | 0.19 | 48.0 | | 18.0* | 12.6 | 17.1 |
| | Loans | - | 8.6 | | - | 12.6 | 17.1 |
| | Grants | 0.19 | 39.4 | | 18.0 | - | - |
| 1981-82 | Authorizations | | | | | | |
| | Total | 0.4 | 53.2 | | 17.6* | | 11.2 |
| | Loans | - | 10.7 | | - | - | 11.2 |
| | Grants | 0.4 | 42.5 | | 17.6 | - | - |
| 1982-83 | Revised Budget Estimate | | | | | | |
| | Total | 23.6 | 50.3 | 0.1 | 27.9 | 10.2 | 8.4 |
| | Loans | 21.9 | | 0.1 | 0.1 | 10.2 | 8.4 |
| | Grants | 1.7 | 50.3 | | 27.7 | - | |
| 1983-84 | Budget Estimate | | | | | | |
| | Total | 2.4 | 45.0 | 0.5 | 23.8 | 6.3 | 6.5 |
| | Loans | 2.0 | - | 0.5 | 1.0 | 6.3 | 6.5 |
| | Grants | 0.4 | 45.0 | - | 22.8 | - | - |

* Excludes training of Nepalese scholars in India and projects executed by Bihar state government.

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