



Treaty Series No. 116 (1972)

Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Government of Nepal

amending the 1969 Agreement
concerning Financial Assistance
by the United Kingdom to Nepal towards
the Construction of the East–West
Highway

Kathmandu, 25 April/21 July 1972

[The Agreement entered into force on 21 July 1972]

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by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
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1969 AGREEMENT CONCERNING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY
THE UNITED KINGDOM TO NEPAL TOWARDS THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE EAST-WEST HIGHWAY

No. 1

*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Kathmandu to the Secretary,
Ministry of Finance of Nepal*

*British Embassy,
Kathmandu.*

Sir,

25 April 1972.

I have the honour to refer to the Notes exchanged at Kathmandu on 31 March 1969 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and His Majesty's Government of Nepal constituting the United Kingdom/Nepal 1969 (Number 1) Financial Agreement⁽¹⁾. As a result of the further discussions which have recently taken place between the two Governments I have to propose that the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

- (1) Delete the existing Part A and insert:

“The Government of the United Kingdom declare that it is their intention to provide assistance to the Government of Nepal towards the costs of designing and constructing that part of the Mahendra Raj Marg running from the West Bank of the Narayani River, near Narayanghat, to the Sonauli-Pokhara Road South of Khasauli (hereinafter referred to as “the Road”). £2,375,000 (two million three hundred and seventy five thousand pounds sterling) towards the costs will be provided by way of an interest-free loan, the remaining design and construction costs (other than the additional costs of providing a second lane for bridges which is to be paid for in full by the Government of Nepal) will be provided in the form of a grant.”

- (2) In part B:

- (a) In paragraph (6), in the table of instalments the months “July” and “January” shall be deleted and replaced by “October” and “April” respectively.
- (b) References in the Agreement to “the Ministry of Overseas Development” and “the Ministry” shall be construed as referring to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Overseas Development Administration.

⁽¹⁾ Treaty Series No. 73 (1969) Cmnd. 4075.

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of Nepal I have the honour to propose that the present Note together with your reply in that sense shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments to amend the United Kingdom/Nepal 1969 (Number 1) Financial Agreement with effect from the date of your reply.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

T. J. O'BRIEN

No. 2

*The Secretary, Ministry of Finance of Nepal to the British
Chargé d'Affaires at Kathmandu*

*Ministry of Finance,
Kathmandu.*

Dear Mr. Chargé d'Affaires,

21 July 1972.

I acknowledge your Note dated 25 April 1972, which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing is acceptable to His Majesty's Government of Nepal who therefore agree that your Note and this reply shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments amending the United Kingdom/Nepal 1969 (Number 1) Financial Agreement with effect from today's date.

Please accept the assurance of my highest consideration.

B. B. PRADHAN
Secretary