

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR HEALTH PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank has sanctioned funds as loan for health projects to the country during the current year;
- (b) if so, the circumstances under which it was sanctioned as loan ; and
- (c) the amount of the above sanctioned funds likely to be provided to Maharashtra and Gujarat?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

- (a) & (b) During the current year, World Bank has approved a loan of SDR 39.7 million (approximately US\$ 54 million) for `Food and Drugs Capacity Building Project` for upgrading the regulatory infrastructure in the food and drugs sector and for strengthening the Central and State Laboratories. It is a central sector project.
- (c) Under this Project, Maharashtra and Gujarat would get assistance of about Rs.11 crore and Rs.12 crore, respectively.