

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:49

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MAHARASHTRA RURAL WATER AND SANITATION PROJECT STAGE - II

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3992 on December 16, 2002 and state :

- (a) whether the requisite information has since been collected;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for delay;
- (c) whether the Union Government has since accorded its clearance to the project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for delay; and
- (e) the present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) to (e) The proposal on Maharashtra Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project Stage-II was posed in September, 2001 to the World Bank for possible funding with an estimated cost of around Rs. 1,000 crores out of which 75% is for World Bank and Government of India's funding. A Policy and Human Resources Development (PHRD) Grant amounting to US\$ 420,000 has been signed with the World Bank in February, 2002 for project preparation and the Bank missions have subsequently visited the State during May and December, 2002 to review the progress of the project preparation.

The negotiations for the Maharashtra Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project Stage-II with the World Bank were conducted from July 3-8, 2003. Out of the total project cost of US \$ 268.6 million (approx.), it was agreed that credit of US \$ 181 million (approx.) will be provided by International Development Association.