

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WORLD BANK LOAN FOR FOOD PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether World Bank is considering providing some amount in the form of loan for food projects in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the names of the States where these projects are likely to implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL)

(a) & (b) The World Bank has recently approved a credit of US\$ 54 million for a new project namely, 'Food and Drugs Capacity Building project'. It is a Health sector project. One of the components of this project is Food Safety, consisting of activities to strengthen government's oversight and regulatory capacity for food safety, to educate consumers, and to upgrade related skills in private sector.

(c) It is a central sector project for implementation in various parts of the country.