

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1039
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WORLD BANK LOAN TO MAHARASTRA FOR HEALTH SERVICES
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank has sanctioned an amount of \$134 million for improving health services in Maharashtra;
- (b) If so, the details and justification, therefor;
- (c) Whether such loans are being considered for other States including Orissa; and
- (d) If not the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Maharashtra State Health System Project has been taken up with assistance from the World Bank amounting to \$134 million.
- (b) The Maharashtra State Health Systems Development Project has been taken up with the objective of improving efficiency in the allocation and use of health resources through policy and institutional development and improving the performance of the Health Care System by increasing the efficiency, effectiveness and coverage of health services at the 1st referral level and selective coverage at the community health center level. The total project cost is \$158 million out of which \$ 134 million will be met through the interest free credit from the World Bank and the balance would be contributed by the Government of Maharashtra. The project is under implementation since February 1999 and will close on 31.03.2005.
- (c) Similar State Health Systems Development Projects have been taken up with assistance from the World Bank in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Karnataka, West Bengal and Orissa. A Credit Agreement for a State Health Systems Development project for Uttar Pradesh has recently been signed with the World Bank.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.