

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2479  
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WORLD BANK ASISTANCE TO BIHAR FOR PRIMARY EDUCATION  
RAJO SINGH

**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Bihar Government has sought financial assistance for the World Bank in the field of Primary Education;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government have considered the proposal of the State Government;
- (c) if so, the salient features of the proposed plan
- (d) the steps being taken to forward the proposal to the World Bank; and
- (e) the time by which the financial assistance is likely to be obtained from the World Bank?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No, Sir, The World Bank assisted District Primary Education Programme is operational in Bihar since 1997-98 for a project span upto 2002-03. The programme is operational in 17 Educational Districts comprising of 27 revenue districts of Bihar. The total EFC cost of DPEP-iii (Bihar) is of the order of Rs. 651.17 crores.
- (b) to (e) Does not arise.