

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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WORLD BANK LOAN
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank has lately been approached for loans or aid for development projects in Assam and other North Eastern States, to ensure accelerated development of these insurgency ridden backward and tribal areas;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether these schemes and projects were discussed with the President, World Bank during his recent visit to India; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) : Yes Sir. The Arunachal Pradesh Forestry Project, Assam Forestry Project and Tripura Agriculture Development Project had been posed to the World Bank. The Third Technician Education Project was approved by the World Bank on 07.09.2000.
- (b) Arunachal Pradesh Forestry Project with an estimated cost of Rs. 300 crores was posed to the World Bank on 19.08.1999. The Assam Forestry Project with an estimated cost of Rs. 357.07 crores for Phase-I and Rs. 327.96 crores for Phase-II was posed to the World Bank on 26.10.1999. The Tripura Agriculture Development Project with an estimated cost of Rs. 403 crores was posed to the World Bank in January, 2000. The Third Technician Education Project with an estimated cost of Rs. 329.37 crores, will cover, among others, the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Tripura.
- (c) Area or Sector specific project proposals for financial assistance from World Bank were not discussed during the recent visit of the President of the World Bank.
- (d) Does not arise.