

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether financial assistance has been provided by the World Bank and Asian Development Bank to India during each of the last three years for implementation of poverty alleviation programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Grant-wise and Loan-wise;
- (c) the terms and conditions of such grants/loans indicating the mode of repayment and interest payable thereon; and
- (d) the number of States which have utilized the said loans?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) & (b) World Bank has assisted two specific poverty alleviation projects which seek to directly attack poverty during the last three years. These are Andhra Pradesh Rural Poverty Reduction Project and Chhattisgarh District Rural Poverty Project involving World Bank assistance of US \$ 150 million and US \$ 112.56 million respectively.

ADB has not assisted any specific poverty alleviation project during the last three years.

(c) World Bank assistance to these projects is International Development Association (IDA) Credit, which carry no interest but a service charge of 0.75%. These are to be repaid in 35 years with an initial grace period of 10 years.

(d) Two.