

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR DRINKING WATER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to approach World Bank for assistance for drinking water projects in West Bengal, Rajasthan, Orissa, Chhattisgarh, Uttaranchal, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)to(c): Yes, Sir. A proposal on National Water Quality and Sustainability Programme was posed by the Deptt. of Drinking Water Supply, Ministry of Rural Development to Deptt. of Economic Affairs for seeking assistance from World Bank for a sum of Rs.5300 crore (US \$ 1.2 billion) for nine States viz Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Deptt. of Economic Affairs has forwarded the proposal to World Bank.

Besides this, another proposal on Rural Water Supply and Sanitation, namely, Uttaranchal Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project, is under active consideration of World Bank for possible funding. The proposed Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project proposes to cover all the districts in the State to benefit 1.5 million rural population in about 1000 Village Panchayats. World Bank has provided PHRD grant of US \$ 898,500 to Government of Uttaranchal for preparation of Detailed Project Report, which is under preparation.