

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS TO POVERTY RIDDEN STATES  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether World Bank proposes to focus on poverty ridden States in India and to collaborate with Government of India to achieve the poverty alleviation targets under the millennium development goals;
- (b) if so, whether the World Bank would aim to accomplishing the Tenth Plan objectives by giving financial support to reform oriented States that would simultaneously change ways to engage with the largest and poorest State too;
- (c) if so, whether the World Bank has also identified poverty ridden States in India; and
- (d) if so, the details of States and the time by which World Bank is likely to provide help and assistance to these States?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The Country Strategy (2005 - 08) mutually agreed between the Government of India and the World Bank, while addressing issues of poverty alleviation under the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in all the States, identifies the need to work proactively in the states of Bihar, Jharkand, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh, where poverty is increasingly concentrated. The Operations Program includes projects pertaining to the development of infrastructure, human development and rural livelihoods in these states for possible funding by the World Bank during this period.