

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2249  
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PROJECT OF MAHARASHTRA  
Rawale Shri Mohan

**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has forwarded a proposal for grant/credit/loan from world Bank for Mumbai Sewerage Disposal Project-II;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the present position of the proposal?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT ( SHRI AJAY MAKEN )

(a): Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal to this Ministry for seeking the World Bank assistance for Mumbai Sewerage Disposal Project Stage-II Works.

(b)&(c): The State Government proposal consists of two parts, namely, Mumbai Sewerage Disposal Project Stage-II for US \$ 432 million and Slum Sanitation Programme of US \$ 110 million. Components under the Mumbai Sewerage Disposal Project Stage-II are rehabilitation of sewers and manholes, diversion of all illegal connections (house connections discharging to storm water drains or nallahs) to the foul sewer system, provision of new and up-sized sewers to carry predicted flows, remedy of problems at the pumping stations, replacement of old pumps and equipments, modification of the treatment works, etc. The areas to be covered under Sewerage Works include Colaba, Worli, Bandra, Versova, Malad, Bhandup & Ghatkopar.

Mumbai Sewerage Disposal Project Stage-II was recommended to Deptt. of Economic Affairs for financial assistance through World Bank in the year 2004. The State was, however, categorized as a 'debt stressed' State from debt sustainability point of view. Accordingly, the Deptt. of Economic Affairs informed that since Maharashtra is a debt stressed State, these proposals could not be forwarded to the World Bank.

In addition to above, Deptt. of economic Affairs also informed that in November, 2004, Chief Minister of Maharashtra requested for engaging the World Bank to prepare a five year business plan for transforming Mumbai into a world class city and to include Mumbai Sewerage Disposal Project Stage-II in the comprehensive plan for the city. Subsequently, Deptt. of Economic Affairs requested the World Bank in February, 2005 to field a dedicated multi-sectoral team to draft a comprehensive strategy for the city.

The World Bank teams visited Mumbai twice last year and held extensive discussion with officials of Government of Maharashtra and with Task Force, appointed by the Chief Minister for preparing an Action Plan to develop Mumbai into a world class city. The World Bank team, which visited Mumbai from 8th to 21st November, 2005, has proposed a time schedule for Action Plan preparation relating to the Mumbai Development Action Plan. The proposed Action Plan involves action by State Government on a comprehensive package of key reforms, investing and financing. As per time schedule, prepared by World Bank, the Action Plan is expected to be launched in December, 2006. The State Government has been requested to adhere to the time schedule.