

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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MUMBAI SEWAGE DISPOSAL PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Ministry has taken up the matter for consideration of the proposal of Maharashtra Government for grant/credit/loan from World Bank for Mumbai Sewerage Disposal Project Stage II with Ministry of Finance;
- (b) whether the Finance Ministry has considered Maharashtra as a debt stressed State as per the revised guidelines of Stressed Debt Sustainability;
- (c) whether the Maharashtra Government has sent the revised project report and additional information to the Ministry;
- (d) whether the Ministry will take up the matter with the Finance Ministry for early clearance of the scheme;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) by when the proposal would be cleared and the implementation of Mumbai Sewerage Disposal Project Stage II be commissioned?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(f): Yes, Sir. The Ministry has recommended the proposal of Maharashtra Government for grant/credit/loan from World Bank for Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project Stage - II to Ministry of Finance in 2004. The State was, however, categorized as '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 Sewage 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 the 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.

In addition to above, Government of Maharashtra has approached this Ministry to consider priority works of Mumbai Sewerage Disposal Project Stage - II under Jawaharlal Nehru Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) at an estimated cost of Rs.502.41 crore. The proposal is under scrutiny in this Ministry.