

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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WORLD BANK AIDED WATER QUALITY PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether certain States including Maharashtra have submitted any project proposals for tackling water quality problems through support agency World Bank during the last three years and current year ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof, State-wise ;
- (c) Whether these have been forwarded to World Bank for consideration and approval; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) to (d) Yes Sir, Concept Papers for comprehensive project proposals, including tackling water quality, seeking World Bank funding for rural water supply have been received from 5 States. These states are Maharashtra, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan and the estimated costs projected by them are Rs. 442 crore, Rs. 500 crores, Rs. 500 crores, Rs.950 crore and Rs.800 crore respectively. These Concept Papers have been forwarded to Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs, which is nodal Department in the Government of India for all externally aided projects, with recommendation for seeking possible funding from the World Bank.

The project proposal received from Government of Maharashtra for tackling water quality problems in 33 districts has been forwarded to World Bank, India Office by the Ministry of Finance in August 2006 for additional financial assistance as a part of the ongoing World Bank funded Second Maharashtra Rural Water Supply Project.