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RURAL WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether any project viz `Tejaswini Rural Women Empowerment Programme` has been signed between International Fund for Agriculture Development and the Government of India and the State Government of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof alongwith the objective of the programme;and
- (c) The steps taken/being taken to implement the said programme effectively ?

Answer

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

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b): The IFAD loan is for USD 39.44 million and would be implemented in the States of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.

The objective of the programme is to enable poor women to avail themselves of a wider range of choices and opportunities in the economic, social and political spheres so they can improve their own well - being and that of their households. The programme will work to improve livelihood opportunities by developing participants` skills, fostering market linkages and providing market and policy support.

(c): The implementing authorities for the programme are Maharashtra Arthik Vikas Mahamandal (MAVIM), Government of Maharashtra and Mahila Vitta Aivam Vikas Nigam (MVVN), Government of Madhya Pradesh. Government of India will also monitor the programme on regular intervals for effective implementation.