

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2639
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REQUEST FROM MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS
Narhire Smt. Kalpana Ramesh

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government of Maharashtra and other State Governments have requested the Union Government for a one time grant or softloan and forwarding their Structural Adjustment Loans (SAL) to the World Bank, to help them overcome the current financial crisis ;
- (b) if so, the extent of one time grant or SAL sought by Maharashtra and other States; and
- (c) the reaction of the Union Government thereon ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE SHRI S. S. PALANIMANICKAM

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The States of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Orissa, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh have sought SAL assistance. The amount requested varies from US \$ 200 million to US \$ 750 million.

(c) The revised guidelines for availing Structural Adjustment Loan assistance, drawn up in consultation with the states have been issued by Department of Expenditure on 24th October,2005. The State Governments are now required to send their proposals in terms of the revised guidelines.