

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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WORLD BANK LOAN FOR WATER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank sanctioned 105 million dollar aid for water schemes in different States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the extent to which its is expected to improve the productivity and cost-effectiveness of water related investments in various States;
- (d) the extent of investment likely to be provided to Himachal Pradesh; and
- (e) the benefits likely to accrue therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a) & (b) The World Bank has sanctioned a loan of US\$ 104.98 million for implementing the Hydrology Project (Phase-II) in 13 States and 8 Central Agencies. The Agreement to this effect was signed on 19.01.2006 with completion date of 31.01.2012. The Project objective is to improve all aspects of collection, processing and storage of data and developing standard procedures for planning and designs of water resources development and management. The state-wise project cost is given in Annexure-I.
- (c) The activities under Hydrology Project are expected to contribute towards improved management of water resources, better design practices and efficient operation of systems.
- (d) & (e) The total investment for Himachal Pradesh provided under the Project is Rs. 495 million. The benefits likely to accrue to the State from the Project are establishment of an upgraded hydrological observation network and data processing and storage system for improved water resources planning and management.