

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:174
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2007
LOANS FROM WORLD BANK
Chowdhury Shri Adhir Ranjan;Singh Shri Uday

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank has decided to increase its total lending to India during the next few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the World Bank is engaged in many projects in India;
- (d) if so, the details of such projects and the assistance provided thereof; and
- (e) the manner in which the Government is repaying the principal amount with interest?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (P. CHIDAMBARAM)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT FOR LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 174 FOR ANSWER ON 9TH MARCH 2007 REGARDING LOANS FROM WORLD BANK BY SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY AND SHRI UDAY SINGH

(a) & (b): The World Bank lending to India is guided by the Country Assistance Strategy (CAS), which is mutually agreed between the Government of India and the World Bank. Current CAS (July 2004-June 2008) envisages up-scaling of Bank's lending to India to US \$ 2.5 to 3 billion per annum in each of these four years.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The details of ongoing projects (as on 28/2/2007) with World Bank assistance are at Annex I.

(e) Repayment of principal amount with interest, based on the terms of the loan/credit agreement between the Government of India and the World Bank, is made by the Government by making necessary provisions in the budget each year.