

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WORLD BANK LOAN FOR NATURAL DISASTER AND REHABILITATION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India is the biggest receiver of World Bank loan/assistance for natural disaster and rehabilitation during the last three years;

(a) If so, the details of the loans received during the said period; and

(c) The details of the works completed within the above loan?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Pawan Kumar Bansal)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. India is not the biggest receiver of World Bank loan/assistance for natural disaster and rehabilitation during the last three years. Pakistan was given World Bank assistance amounting to US\$ 870 million for earthquake relief and rehabilitation in October-December 2005. India received US\$ 528.5 million from the World Bank for Tsunami Rehabilitation in May 2005.

(c) The works undertaken with the World Bank assistance include reconstruction and repair of damaged houses, repairing of cyclone shelters, amenities like street lights, internal roads, drainages etc.