

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR TSUNAMI AFFECTED AREAS

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a joint assessment /Mission of World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the United Nations Development Programme has visited the States of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Pondicherry during February, 2005 to assess the quantum of assistance required for post Tsunami reconstruction activities from these international agencies;

(b) if so, the details of such assessments submitted by these bodies, State-wise;

(c) the follow-up action taken by the Central Government in this regard; and

(d) the details of assistance provided so far for the relief work in these areas, State-wise?

Answer

Minister of Finance (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM)

(a) to (d) A Statement is placed on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 486 for April 29, 2005 by Shri A. Sai Prathap and Shri Ravi Prakash Verma on Financial Assistance for Tsunami Affected Areas.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Preliminary Damage and Needs Assessment report prepared by the Asian Development Bank, United Nations and World Bank has estimated the overall rehabilitation and reconstruction needs at \$ 1.213 billion in the short and medium term for the States of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Pondicherry. The break-up is as follows:-

Andhra Pradesh	-	\$ 72.6 million
Kerala	-	\$ 157.7 million
Tamil Nadu	-	\$ 868.3 million
Pondicherry	-	\$ 114.4 million

(c) An Emergency Tsunami Reconstruction Project for Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry involving World Bank assistance of approximately US \$ 465 million has been recently negotiated with the World Bank. In addition, Tsunami Emergency Assistance Project involving Asian Development Bank assistance of approximately US \$ 200 million for the States of Kerala and Tamil Nadu has been recently approved by the Asian Development Bank Board.

(d) Government of India has approved a special package of Rs. 3644.05 crore called the `Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation package for Tsunami affected areas` to provide assistance for immediate relief, revival of fishery and agriculture sectors, immediate construction of temporary shelters and the repair and restoration of infrastructure. The package for Tamil Nadu is Rs. 2347.19 crore, Andhra Pradesh, Rs. 70.00 crore, Kerala, Rs. 249.36 crore and Pondicherry, Rs. 155.62 crore.