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## Central Assistance for the Sunderban **Development Project**

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GUPTA: 3537. SHRI INDRAJIT Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any Central assistance is being provided for the Sunderban Project of the West Development Bengal Government under the Sixth Plan:
- (b) whether Government have sought and obtained any World Bank aid for the said project; and
- (c) the main aims and objects of the project?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI N. D. TEWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government have sought from the International Fund for Agri-(IFAD). The cultural Development

IFAD is processing this project assistance.

(c) The aims and objectives of the project are (i) to improve the agricultural production potential through improved drainage and water control, (ii) to increase cropping intensity by establishing irrigation facilities (iii) to initiate schemes for the systematic development of brackish water Aquaculture, and forestry and (iv) to imfacilities prove transportation marketing infrastructure.

## Uttarkhand Movement in West Bengal

3538. SHRI A. T. PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

"Uttarkhand" whether the (a) movement has been recently stepped up in North Bengal;