

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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WORLD BANK AID FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank has approved a loan of 45 million dollar Interim Trust Fund Credit to help Central, States and Municipal Government agencies to bolster the poverty reduction programmes;
- (b) if so, the time by which the said loan is likely to be received;
- (c) the details of States to whom these loans are likely to be provided;
- (d) whether the State Governments will be responsible for implementing these projects; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): The implementation timing for project is from 2000-2005.
- (c): So far the States of UP, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Orissa and Gujarat are planning to take portions of this loan.
- (d)&(e): Yes, Sir. The State Governments are responsible for the provision of over 90 percent of human development and infrastructure, their efforts are critical to sustained poverty reduction. Technical assistance funds through this project will serve primarily those States committed to reforms. However, Central and Municipal government agencies will also be eligible to apply for funds aimed at improving poverty monitoring, civil service reform, and delivery of services such as health and education.