GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FINANCE LOK SABHA

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AGRAHAYANA SAKA WORLD BANK LOAN FOR MAHARASHTRA QUESTION .
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has sought Rs.40,000 crore from the World Bankfor various infrastructures and water supply projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government have taken up the matter with the World Bank;
- (d) if so, the response of the World Bank; and
- (e) if not, the steps being taken by the Government to obtain such assistance?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a): The State Government of Maharashtra has proposed projects amounting to Rs.10937 crores

(approximately), from the World Bank for infrastructure and water supply projects. These costs estimates are only indicative. The details of scope, size and cost of projects are known only after the project is appraised, negotiated and approval of the Bank Board is received.

- (b), (c) & (d): The information is indicated in the statement which is attached.
- (e) The Government of India periodically reviews and follows up all proposals posed to the World Bank for assistance. Statement showing the status of various projects in the infrastructure and water supply sectors
- S.No Name of the Project Status/ Responses
- Mumbai Urban Transport Project
 (Phase II) The project has been posed to the World Bank and
 is yet to be appraised. There is presently no
 commitment from the World Bank to fund the project.
- 2. Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage The project proposal was posed to the Bank. Project Stage II Subsequently the Maharashtra Government have sent a revised proposal to the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation. Approval of Planning Commission and Ministry of Environment and Forests on the proposal is awaited.
- 3. Middle Vaitarna Project Urban The Project was posed to the World Bank. However, the Bank expressed its reluctance to finance

 Water Supply the project in September 2000. Thereafter,

 Department of Economic Affairs wrote to the

 Government of Maharashtra to reframe the project

 with a greater emphasis on institutional reform

 and sustainable financing through robust cash

 flows.

- 4. Rural Water Supply Project The proposal has been received in the D/o (20 districts) Drinking Water Supply. The State Government has been requested to furnish additional information and also to depute a representative to have detailed discussions on the proposal.
- 5. Black Topping of Roads In consultation with Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment it was decided that the proposal needs to be revised indicating clearly the role of the Gram Sabhas/ Gram Panchayats and participation of the village communities. Accordingly, the State Government was requested to revise the proposal and obtain the approval of Planning Commission.
- 6. State Roads Project II The project was posed to the World Bank. However, the Bank has informed the Government that it would not be possible to fund the project in view of other commitments.

7. Dam Safety Assurance and Rehabilitation A multi-state project was posed to the World Project (Phase II) Bank. In September 2000 the Bank informed the Government of India that a detailed analytical study is required to be undertaken before the Bank takes a decision to fund the project.