

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3243  
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2000  
WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR FLUORIDE AFFECTED AREAS .  
SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWASI

**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment submitted a proposal to his Ministry under Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission (RGNDWM) in regard to Nalgonda and Mehbubnagadistrict which are severely fluoride affected areas for onward transmission to World Bank;
- (b) if so, whether the Ministry of Finance has forwarded the said proposal to World Bank for its assistance;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for early clearance of the project by the World Bank?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The project was forwarded to the World Bank in January 1999. The Bank after launching an Identification Mission in November 1999 suggested to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh a number of modifications in the project proposal requesting revision of the proposal. This revised proposal when received from Government of Andhra Pradesh through the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment would be sent to the Bank for consideration.

(d) The Ministry of Finance would expedite the necessary appraisals and approvals once the revised proposals are received. Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance have reminded State Government of Andhra Pradesh on 5th October 2000.