

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4836
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WORLD BANK LOAN FOR DRINKING WATER IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that Mehboobnagar and Nalgonda districts of Andhra Pradesh are severely fluoride affected areas;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have received a proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh covering 24.70 lakh population in these two districts seeking financial assistance from World Bank for provision of drinking water;
- (c) if so, whether the proposal has been examined and forwarded to the World Bank for consideration;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons for delay?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) & (d) The proposal of Government of Andhra Pradesh was forwarded to the World Bank seeking financial assistance in January 1999. The World Bank launched an Identification Mission in November 1999 and suggested to the Government of Andhra Pradesh some modifications in the proposal. Government of Andhra Pradesh is yet to submit a revised proposal incorporating the suggestions given by the World Bank.

(e) Does not arise.