

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3256
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ASSISTANCE TO KARNATAKA FROM WORLD BANK
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has sought financial assistance to the tune of US \$ 200 million from World Bank for agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, whether the experts from the World Bank visited the State for further talks;
- (c) whether any final agreement in this regard has been reached;
- (d) if so, the details of plans that are being considered to be implemented in agriculture sector from this aid; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (e): The World Bank has sanctioned a project for Karnataka for the development of Watersheds in the districts of Kolar, Tumkur, Chitradurga, Haveri and Dharwar which aims at covering an area of one million acres over a period of five years from 2001-2002. The total cost of the project is Rs.690.2700 crores; out of which, the World Bank share would be Rs.552.2160 crores (80%). An agreement to this effect was signed on 26.7.2001 and the project has become operational.