

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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WORLD BANK AID FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "foreign aid helps poverty alleviation" appearing in the National Herald dated the March 13, 2002;

(b) if so, the extent to which the foreign aid received through World Bank has gone into poverty alleviation programmes, indicating the programmes, schemes and project-wise details of such foreign aid since the end of the cold war, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for effective appropriation of such aid to poverty alleviation programmes and for preventing diversification thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) Poverty eradication is the primary goal of all World Bank assistance and all projects are undertaken with this primary objective in mind. However, Foreign aid to the extent of US\$ 322.4 million has been received through World Bank for specific poverty alleviation programmes. The details are at Annexure-I.

(c) All measures are taken to ensure effective appropriation of external aid to poverty alleviation programmes and for preventing any diversification. These include: -

- Audit of expenditures made by project authorities is mandatory.
- Regular monitoring of projects by the Administrative/Finance Ministry.
- Government are ensuring adequate provisioning for externally aided projects, streamlining of procurement procedures, review with Executing Agencies and has also set up a Project Management Unit (PMU) in the Department of Economic Affairs to constantly monitor, review and evaluate the projects.

Annexure -I

S. No.	Name of the Project	States	Donor	Signing Date	LN/CR. Amount
1.	Andhra Pradesh District Poverty Initiatives Project	Andhra Pradesh	IDA Cr 3332-IN	12.5.2000	111
2.	Madhya Pradesh District Poverty Initiatives	Madhya Pradesh	IDA Cr 3430-IN	5.12.2000	110.1
3.	Rajasthan District Poverty Initiatives Project	Rajasthan	IDA Cr 3339-IN	19.5.2000	100.5
4.	Andhra Pradesh Rural Poverty Reduction Project 26723-IN	Andhra Pradesh	IDA Grant	1 28.12.200	0.5
5.	Hyderabad CDS Initiatives under	Andhra	World	11.6.2001	0.3

Cities Alliance Programme

Pradesh

Bank

TOTAL

322.4