

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4683

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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR DRINKING WATER IN KARNATAKA

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sought World Bank assistance for rural water supply;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government have taken up the matter with the World Bank authorities; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the World Bank thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): A proposal for Rural Water Supply and Sanitation project was received from Karnataka Government in the Department of Drinking Water Supply in July 1998 and the same was forwarded to Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) in September 1998. After receiving confirmation from the State Government regarding incorporation of key elements in the proposal, the same was recommended to DEA in May 1999, for posing to the World Bank for possible assistance.

(c) & (d): Negotiations for the project were held in November 2001 in the World Bank, Washington D.C., which was attended by State and Central Government officials. International Development Association (IDA) Board conveyed its approval for the project in December 2001. The World Bank assisted 'Second Karnataka Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project' was launched on 11th Feb 2002 in the State for implementation. The project has the total outlay of US\$ 193.44 million and the International Development Association credit to the project is to the tune of US\$ 151.6 million. The project will be implemented up to 2007.