

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:789  
ANSWERED ON:21.02.2003  
WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE TO ORISSA  
ANANTA NAYAK

**Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the State Government of Orissa has sought further financial assistance from World Bank for the reconstruction and rehabilitation activities in the Super Cyclone hit areas in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Union Government to approve the proposal submitted by State Government?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL):

- (a) Yes Sir, the State Government of Orissa had sought financial assistance from the World Bank through Government of India.
- (b) & (c) A short term project for reconstruction and rehabilitation activities with an estimated cost of about Rs. 250 crore was under preparation since the Orissa Super Cyclone in 1999. Further work on the Project was discontinued in April 2002 due to delays in implementation of the on-going project and delays in project finalisation.