

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:141
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2000
WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR DISASTER MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by the Government from the cyclone prone States seeking financial assistance from the World Bank for long term planning in regard to the cyclones, State-wise; and

(b) the present status thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.141 TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND AUGUST, 2000 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a): The Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) reportedly received three proposals, one each from Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Orissa, for assistance from the World Bank for long-term planning in regard to cyclones.

(b): According to them, the proposal received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for Hazard mitigation and emergency cyclone reconstruction was signed in June, 1997 and became effective in July, 1997. The closing date for the project was 31st July, 2000. The project has been extended by one year.

The proposal submitted by the Government of Gujarat on cyclone mitigation and reconstruction project was posed to the World Bank in September, 1998. However, the World Bank's commitment to fund the project is not forthcoming.

The Government of Orissa had sent the project proposal after the Super Cyclone in October, 1999. The State Government is required to fulfil certain conditions like financing of procurement packages, completion of actions on issues identified by the World Bank, etc. before the project is further processed.