

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WORLD BANK LOAN TO MAHARASHTRA
PRAKASH V. PATIL

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Maharashtra seeking World Bank assistance regarding Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof together with the extent of assistance sought;
- (c) whether the Government have examined the proposal and forwarded the same to the World Bank;
- (d) if so, whether the World Bank Mission visited Maharashtra in January-February this year and held discussions in various aspects relating to the project; and
- (e) if so, the outcome of the visit?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The 2nd Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project has been framed on the basis of the sector reforms concept formulated by the Government of India, in which 10% community contribution towards capital cost of the scheme and 100% maintenance cost by beneficiaries and community participation in identifying, planning, designing and implementing the scheme is envisaged. The cost of the project as submitted by the State Govt. is Rs. 1656.20 crore for 16 districts. The project has been forwarded to the World Bank and is under appraisal of the World Bank. It has not yet been sanctioned.

(d) and (e) A World Bank Identification Mission visited Maharashtra during January 21-Feb 1, 2002 to discuss the objectives and scope of the proposed 2nd Maharashtra Rural Water Supply and Sanitation project. Agreements have been reached with Water Supply and Sanitation Department that Govt. of Maharashtra will complete the following priority actions before launching the first preparation mission: (i) setup a full-time project preparation team and provide it with adequate funds to initiate preparation of the project; (ii) achieve substantial progress in launching project studies and analyses as well as pilot schemes in a few districts; (iii) prepare road map with a plan of action for the required institution restructuring of Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran (MJP) and Ground Survey Development Agency (GSDA); (iv) prepare Government of Maharashtra strategy and plan of action for completion or otherwise of on-going R: Water Supply Schemes under the Master Plan.