

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IMF AND WORLD BANK AID
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has made out a compelling case for increased development aid in order to eliminate poverty and strengthen country's literacy and health programmes under the millennium development goals;
- (b) if so, whether IMF and World Bank with the Indian delegation defended the plea for increased aid flows;
- (c) if so, the extent to which both World Bank and IMF have agreed to provide more assistance in view of good performance made by India on these sectors; and
- (d) if so, the total aid both World Bank and IMF have agreed to provide for further implementation of the plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (S. S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) & (b): Yes. Sir.

(c) & (d): World Bank has proposed to upscale its assistance to India. IMF does not lend for development activities, per se, but only for structural adjustment purposes for countries facing external imbalances. India has not availed of any assistance from IMF since 1993.