

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. NO.

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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Governments including Maharashtra for availing the assistance of foreign donor agency for environmental improvement projects in slum/urban areas during the last three years and thereafter till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the status of such proposals, State-wise; and

(d) by when a final decision on the said proposals are likely to be taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(b): The Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation has received the following three proposals seeking foreign assistance for environmental improvement during the last three years.

(i) `Kolkata Urban Services for the Poor Programme` received in the month of May, 2003 seeking assistance from Department for International Development (DFID) of the Govt. of United Kingdom. The estimated cost of the project is Pound 102,000,000 and duration is from 14/1/2004 to 31/3/2011.

(ii) `Urban Services Improvement Project, Orissa in the month of February, 2003 seeking assistance from DFID.

(iii) A project proposal from the Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Government of Maharashtra requesting for grant/credit/loan for implementing Slum Sanitation Programme and Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project Stage-II.

(c)&(d): (I) The project at S.No.

(i) above has been approved by DFID and is now in operation.

(II) DEA has informed DFID's inability to support the project at S.No. (ii) above.

(III) As regards(iii) above, DEA was requested to pose this proposal before the World Bank. The DEA has now informed the following:-

Chief Minister of the State of Maharashtra has been requested on 1.3.2005 to include the Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project-II and Slum Sanitation Works, in the design of the comprehensive multi sectoral plan proposed for Mumbai city for its transformation into a World Class City with World Bank assistance, since the State at present does not appear to have any additional debt capacity. The multi sectoral team of experts from World Bank has already visited the State during March 22-31, 2005 in connection with transformation of the Mumbai City into a World Class City and they also had a meeting with Secretary(EA) on 30.3.2005.