

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE TO CHECK POLLUTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has taken/ proposes to take assistance from the World Bank to control industrial pollution;
- (b) If so, whether any action plan has been prepared by the Government in this regard;
- (c) If so, the details thereof; and
- (d) The amount of financial assistance provided by the World Bank to the Government for checking pollution of industrial area as on date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) Yes Sir, the World Bank has agreed to provide to India an advance to finance certain expenditures required for the preparation of the proposed Capacity Building for Industrial Pollution Management Project.
- (b) and (c) The details of the action plan are spelled out in the Terms and Conditions of the advance and include
 - i) Carrying out institutional needs assessment for the purpose of facilitating development of plans for building pollution management capacity at the state level;
 - ii) Developing a National Program for Pollution Management and Rehabilitation of Contaminated Sites, which includes needs assessment study for implementation of hazardous waste management;
 - iii) Carrying out studies on innovative waste dump remediation and safe land filling for the purpose of developing waste management pilots to be implemented under the Project;
 - iv) Providing operational and monitoring support to the Project Preparation Cell within the Ministry of Environment and Forest;
 - v) Carrying out information, education, public-outreach and communication activities; and
 - vi) Carrying out social and environmental assessments for the purpose of identifying social and environmental impacts likely to result from the carrying out of the Project.
- (d) The World Bank has agreed to provide to India an advance not exceeding five hundred seventy thousand U. S. Dollars (\$570,000). The purpose of the Advance is to finance certain expenditures required for the preparation of the proposed Capacity Building for Industrial Pollution Management Project