

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various rural development projects undertaken/being undertaken with foreign assistance in the rural development sector, State-wise/UT wise;

(b) whether the Government has signed any agreement recently with the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank for providing financial assistance for rural development programmes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the projects likely to be taken under such foreign assistance?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred in reply to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.237 due for reply on 30-11-2007

(a): (I) As per the information available with the Ministry of Rural Development, the following projects have been undertaken with the foreign assistance in the rural development sector by the Ministry of Rural Development:-

S. No.	Programme Scheme	Name of the State where under implementation
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1 Swaranjayanti i) The cost of Bihar Rural Livelihoods project is US Bihar Gram \$70 million out of which US \$63 million have Swarozgar been funded by the World Bank. The project aims Yojana (SGSY) at enhancing social and economic empowerment of rural poor in Bihar.

2 Pradhan Mantri ii) Rural Roads Project -I costing US \$ 400 million Jharkhand, Gram Sadak under implementation since October, 2004. The Rajasthan, Yojana project is funded by the World Bank. The project Himachal (PMGSY) aims at construction of rural roads. Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh

iii) Asian Development Bank (ADB) funded Rural Madhya Roads Sector Project-I & II. The project valued at Pradesh, US \$1150 million (US \$ 400 million and US \$ 750 million) is under implementation since November, West Bengal, 2004 and August, 2006 respectively. The projects Assam & aim at construction of rural roads. Orissa

3 Area iv) Andhra Pradesh Livelihoods Project funded by Andhra Pradesh Development the Department of International Development Programmes (DFID), UK is under implementation since November, 1999. The total cost of the project is Rs.320 crores. The project aims at implementation of pro-poor watershed based sustainable rural livelihood approaches.

v) Western Orissa Rural Livelihoods Project. The Orissa Project costing Rs.230 crores is funded by Department of International Development (DFID), UK. The project is under implementation since August, 2000. The purpose of the project is sustainable livelihoods, especially for the poorest.

vi) Attappady Wasteland Comprehensive Kerala Environmental Conservation Project, funded by the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) was sanctioned in 1996. The total cost of the project is Rs.219.31 crore and the Japanese Agency is to provide Rs.176.89 crore. The project aims at development of 5, 07,000 hectare of wasteland in Kerala.

vii) Haryana Community Forestry Project. The Haryana project is funded by the European Community (EC) with a total contribution of 23.30 million EURO (Rs.97.80 crore) and the Govt. of Haryana has to contribute Rs.6.80 million EURO (Rs.28.20 crore). The project was started in 1999 - 2000 and aims at integrated approach to establish plantations of fuel, fodder, timber and fruit on Panchayat and village common lands, stabilize sand dunes, etc.

viii) Madhya Pradesh Rural Livelihoods Project Madhya (MPRLP) Phase-I. The project is funded by the Pradesh Department of International Development (DFID), UK. The total cost of the project is Rs.114.87 crore. The project aims at implementation of effective programmes and policies that sustainably enhance the livelihood of poor rural people.

ix) Madhya Pradesh Rural Livelihoods Project Madhya (MPRLP) Phase-II. The project was started in Pradesh July, 2007 for a period of 5 years. The Department of International Development (DFID), UK will provide 45 million pound. The project aims at implementation of effective programmes and policies that sustainably enhance the livelihood of poor rural people.

4 Rural Water x) World Bank funded Kerala Rural Water Supply Kerala Supply & Environmental Sanitation Project. The Sanitation approved project cost is US \$ 89.8 million and the IDA loan is US \$ 55.5 million. The project started in January, 2001.

xi) The World Bank funded Second Karnataka Karnataka Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project. The project cost is US \$ 193.44 million and the IDA loan is US \$ 136.6 million. The project started in February, 2002.

xii) The World Bank funded Second Maharashtra Maharashtra Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project. The project cost is US \$ 286.65 million and the IDA loan is US \$ 181.00 million. The project started in September, 2003.

xiii) The World Bank funded Uttaranchal Rural Uttarakhand Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project (Swajal follow-on). The proposed credit of US \$ 120 million has been approved. The project started in September, 2006.

xiv) The World Bank funded Punjab Rural Water Punjab

Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project. The proposed credit of US \$ 154 million has been approved. The project started in March, 2007.

xv) Rural Water Supply Project, Maharashtra. The Maharashtra project aims at providing potable drinking water in a sustainable way to the people in the Districts of Aurangabad, Ahmednagar and Pune of the State of Maharashtra in order to improve their health by installing, upgrading and rehabilitating the drinking water supply systems that is supplemented by supplementary measures i.e. health & hygiene promotion, environmental sanitation and watershed development for source protection. The project is getting German assistance to the tune of EURO 22.446 million (Soft loan) and EURO 1.380 million (Grant). The Loan & Financing Agreement was signed in December, 2000.

xvi) Rajasthan Integrated Rural Water Supply, Rajasthan Sanitation and Community Participation Program. The project aims at improvement of the health situation and the general living conditions of the population by a continuous supply of sufficient quantity of safe water and improvement of sanitary environment by awareness building of active community participation. The project is getting German assistance to the tune of EURO 78.137 million. The initial Agreement was signed in June, 1994.

xvii) Japan Bank for International Cooperation Kerala aided Kerala Water Supply Project. The total cost of the project is Rs.1787.45 crore. The project started in September, 2003.

5. Other Rural xviii) Social Mobilization around Natural Resource Jharkhand, Livelihood Management for Poverty Alleviation is under Orissa and Projects funded implementation through NGO partners. The Rajasthan by UNDP project started in 2003-04 and will be completed in the year 2007-08. The total cost of the Project funded by UNDP is Rs.26.95 crore.

II. The following projects are being undertaken with the assistance of foreign donors:

i) World Bank funded Rural Roads Project-II at a Arunachal cost of US \$ 500 million. The Deptt. of Economic Pradesh, Bihar, Affairs has informed that the proposal has been Jammu & accepted in principle. Kashmir, Mizoram and Uttarankhand

ii) Tamil Nadu Rural Water Supply and Tamil Nadu Environmental Sanitation Project. The World Bank has provided grant of US \$ 415,000 for preparation of Detailed Project Report which is under preparation.

iii) Rural Water Supply and Environmental Madhya Sanitation Project costing approx. US \$ 107.70 Pradesh million has been forwarded to Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) with in principle approval of Planning Commission. The funds are proposed to be provided by World Bank.

iv) Integrated Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Andhra Pradesh Project costing Rs.950 crore has been forwarded to DEA with in principle approval of Planning Commission. The funds are proposed to be

provided by World Bank.

v) Delivery of Drinking Water on a sustained basis Rajasthan has been forwarded to DEA with in principle approval of Planning Commission for taking up with World Bank for possible funding.

vi) Tackling water quality problems in 33 districts Maharashtra seeking funding of Rs. 422 crore from World Bank has been examined by this Ministry and recommended to the Department of Economic Affairs for taking up with the World Bank for additional financial assistance for dealing with water quality issues in the State of Maharashtra to the ongoing World Bank funding Second Maharashtra Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project. The Deptt. of Economic Affairs has forwarded to World Bank.

(b) to (d): Recently the following Agreement has been signed with the World Bank:

IDA Credit No.4323-IN Bihar Rural Livelihood Projects vide Agreement dated 09-08- 2007 for XDR 41,400,000.