

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:173

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AGREEMENT WITH WORLD BANK

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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the World Bank's India head visited New Delhi recently;
- (b) if so, the purpose of the visit;
- (c) whether any agreement/ understanding has been arrived at by the Government of India and the World Bank; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Mr. Roberto N. Zagha has taken over the charge of World Bank's Country Director for India with effect from 1st January 2009. He arrived in India on January 23, 2009 for a one week visit and met the officials of Government of India. The purpose of the visit was to discuss with Government of India officials on how the World Bank could work most effectively as a development partner.

(c) & (d): During his visit, the following agreements were signed between the Government of India and the World Bank on January 27, 2009: -

S. No.	Name of the project (US \$ Million)	Amount of assistance
1.	Power System Development Project IV-Additional Financing	400.0
2.	Orissa State Roads Project	250.0
3.	Orissa Community Tanks Management Project	112.0
4.	Orissa Rural Livelihoods Project	82.4