

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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WORLD BANK AID TO TSUNAMI HIT AREAS QUESTION

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank team visited the Tsunami affected States in the country;
- (b) if so, whether any talks were held by the World Bank with Central and State Governments on the issue;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and whether any report has been presented by the World Bank team in this regard;
- (d) whether the World Bank and other FFIs have agreed to provide any financial assistance to Indian Government in the form of soft loan to recover from the damages due to Tsunami; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance(SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) A Joint Assessment Mission of the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) had visited the affected states of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, and the Union Territory of Pondicherry during Feb 1-15, 2005 to define the quantum of assistance required for post Tsunami reconstruction activities from the World Bank, the ADB and the UNDP. International Fund For Agricultural Development (IFAD) has also confirmed its willingness to provide assistance towards rehabilitation of Tsunami affected communities.