

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2380  
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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Andhra Pradesh District Poverty Initiative Project was started in the State of Andhra Pradesh with the help of World Bank in the year 2000;
- (b) if so, the present position of the project;
- (c) the closing date of the said project;
- (d) the total amount allocated under this project and the amount spent so far;
- (e) whether a large portion of the allocated amount is still lying unspent;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure that the project is completed by the scheduled date?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Since significant progress has been made in the implementation of the Project, the World Bank has rated the project as satisfactory. Substantial progress has been made in organising and strengthening Self Help Groups and their federation, development of business plans by federations, grounding of new sub-projects, increased volumes of commodities traded by communities, new partnerships between communities and private sector, and new initiatives for social intermediation.
- (c) The present closing date of the project is 31.12.2005
- (d) to (g): The total amount allocated under the project is US \$ 134.8 million with a credit of US \$ 111.00 million. The project has utilised US \$ 70.872 million upto January, 2005. Keeping in view the progress made so far, it is expected that the project will utilise the total credit by present closing date.