

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE TO WATER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank has conducted any study in the water sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the findings of the report about India;
- (c) whether the World Bank has agreed to lend financial help to India for reforms in water sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) & (b) The World Bank has brought about a report titled, `India`s water economy: bracing for a turbulent future` in January 2006. The report, in brief, indicates that India faces a turbulent water future and the current water development and management system is not sustainable. The report examines the evolution of the management of India`s waters, describes the achievements of the past, and the looming set of challenges. The report suggests what changes should be considered and how to manage the transition from the ways of the past to the ways of the future in a principled but pragmatic manner. This report focuses on two basic issues- the major water-related challenges facing India, and the critical measures required to address them. It calls for a reinvigorated set of public water institutions to sustain water development and management in India. The study examines the evolution of water management in India, describes the achievements of the past, analyses the challenges ahead, and suggests ways of evolving a sustainable water management system

(c) & (d) The World Bank is providing financial assistance to 10 projects in water resources sector, the details of which are annexed.