

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM UNITED NATIONS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is receiving any financial assistance from the United Nations to address the problems being faced by the Women and Children, particularly from the below poverty line, both from the rural and urban areas in the country.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is contributing its share of allocation to the above assistance; and

(d) if so, the break-up of funds earmarked by the Government and the United Nations during each of the last three years and the current year along with the actual expenditure made, State-wise including Karnataka?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) to (d): The Government of India, in the Ministry of Women and Child Development, is administering an IFAD assisted Central Sector Scheme, namely, Women Empowerment and Livelihoods Programme (Priyadarshini). This has become effective from 4/12/2009.

Priyadarshini is a Self Help Group based project for the holistic empowerment of women and adolescent girls. This is being implemented in 13 blocks of 6 districts viz. Madhubani, Sitamarhi, in Bihar and Shravasti, Raebareli, Sultanpur and Bahraich in Uttar Pradesh. The Ministry is the nodal agency and NABARD is the Lead Implementing Agency (LIA).

The project is being implemented with financial assistance in terms of loan from IFAD. Out of the total cost of Rs.147.28 crore, the share of Government of India is Rs.7.28 crore. Since implementation has started during this year, no expenditure could be incurred in the previous years.

Year-wise details of funding by UNIFEM and UNICEF in supporting various schemes/programmes of the Government in a variety of ways, are given in the Annexure.