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ADB LOAN FOR BACKWARD STATES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Asian Development Bank(ADB) has signed two loan agreements with India to improve infrastructure in the roads and power sectors in Madhya Pradesh and Bihar States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to secure similar financial help for other backward and poor States in the country which require similar aid from the international agencies for development of various sectors particularly Odisha ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Government of India has signed on 15th June, 2011 the following loan agreements with ADB, in roads and power sectors, for Madhya Pradesh and Bihar:

(i) Madhya Pradesh State Roads Sector-III project.

The Project, with an ADB funding of US \$ 300 million, aims to rehabilitate and upgrade about 1080 km. of state highways.

(ii) Bihar Power System Improvement Project:

The Project, with an ADB funding of US\$ 132.2 million, aims to improve and expand Transmission and Distribution capacity, increase system efficiency and upgrade electric power system in the state.

(c) The Odisha Integrated and Irrigated Agriculture and Water Management Project was approved in 2008 with an ADB assistance of \$188.2 million. The project aims to enhance the productivity, water use efficiency, sustainability of existing major and medium-sized irrigation schemes and community-based minor lift irrigation systems in the four northern river basins and a part of the Mahanadi River Delta in Odisha.

In addition, Odisha is one of the states included in ADB's Rural Roads Sector-II Investment Program, approved in 2005, which aims to build/upgrade/improve about 5,000 km of rural roads, in the state, to all-weather standard.