

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE OF WORLD BANK FOR POLLUTION ABATEMENT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has provided financial assistance/loan to the State Governments including Maharashtra to keep the environment pollution free; and

(b) if so, the State-wise details of funds issued to the State Governments for this purpose during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) The Ministry has received financial assistance from the World Bank in three major areas namely National Ganga River Basin Programme (NGRBP), Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) Programme and Capacity Building for Industrial Pollution Management Project (CBIPMP).

In case of National Ganga River Basin Programme, the World Bank will support the Government for abatement of pollution of river Ganga by providing technical assistance and financing of US\$ 1 billion. The programme is to be implemented in the five Ganga basin states namely Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal.

Under the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Programme, the World Bank will provide financial assistance of US\$ 195 Million to the Government in building national capacity for implementation of comprehensive coastal management. This includes environment and pollution management as well as a few pilot projects envisaged in the States of Gujarat, Odisha and West Bengal.

The World Bank has also provided financial assistance of US\$ 75.39 million for the Capacity Building for Industrial Pollution Management Project (CBIPMP) for undertaking environmentally sound remediation of contaminated sites in the country, which includes remediation of four pilot projects of hazardous waste sites and municipal solid waste sites in the States of West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh.

The Ministry of Environment and Forests is also implementing since September 2011, a World Bank assisted project on "Pilot Market based Emissions Trading Scheme to improve Air Quality in India" for a total cost of US\$ 0.5 million (Rs. 2.25 crore) to enable cost-effective compliance of air quality standards in selected industrial areas in the states of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.

(b) The details of amount released to various States under these major areas during the period 2010-11 to 2013-2014 (Up to November-2013) are given at Annexure-I