

for World Bank assistance to the UP Urban Development Project of which Ganga Action Plan is a component

The total cost of the UP Urban Development Project including contingencies is estimated to be Rs 283.27 crores. Out of this, the cost of the Ganga Action Plan component is estimated to be Rs 57.77 crores for the following items—

- (i) Technical assistance and training.
- (ii) Construction of sewage treatment plants in a few locations.
- (iii) Procurement of equipments for mechanical cleaning of sewers and automatic monitoring of river water quality. The World Bank assistance will cover full cost of imports, if any, and about 52 per cent of the cost of goods and services to be indigenously procured. The total amount of assistance is expected to be about Rs 32 crores.

Netherlands—The Government of Netherlands has offered 64 million Dutch Guilders worth of technical and financial assistance for integral sanitation projects for Kanpur & Mirzapur under the Ganga Action Plan. The detailed project reports are yet to be submitted by the Government of UP.

UK—Thames Water Authority, a public body in UK is providing advisory services to GPD on the following items—

- (i) Water quality modelling
- (ii) Automation of water quality monitoring stations and selected pumping stations for monitoring of their performance.
- (iii) Sewer condition assessment and rehabilitation programme.

Under this, experts of Thames Water Authority have interacted with the different organisations to provide necessary assistance in this matter. The cost of advisory services is funded by the Government of UK.

Financial support by Italy for joint ventures with India

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state—

(a) whether Italy has agreed to provide financial support for joint ventures with India and credit to public financial institutions for sectors like fertilisers, telecommunications and transport; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) The delegation which accompanied Hon'ble Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Government of Italy on his visit to India held discussions on cooperation with the officials of Ministry of Finance on 21-10-87. The delegation mentioned in the course of their discussions that the Government of Italy will be willing to increase its financial support as well as improve the existing financial instruments, such as financial support on concessional terms to joint ventures and line of credit also on concessional terms to public financial institutions. Both the sides agreed to explore possibility of identifying projects in sectors such as fertilisers, telecommunications, transport and in particular energy. A member of the delegation also met the Director General of the confederation of Engineering Industry. Details of financial assistance possible to joint ventures and credit possibility to public financial institutions are being ascertained.