

Additional loans to KFA by Public Sector Banks

*18. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Bank of India (SBI) has initiated a proposal to bailout Kingfisher Airlines (KFA) by sanctioning additional loan exposure of Rs. 1500 crore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total exposure of loans given to KFA by SBI and other PSU banks as on 31st March, 2012; and

(d) what steps have been taken so far to recover the loan amount by these PSU banks?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) State bank of India (SBI) has informed that currently there is no such plan to provide additional loan to Kingfisher Airlines.

(c) Since the accounts as on 31.03.2012 are to be finalised, it is not possible to ascertain the outstanding of Kingfisher Airlines (KFA) as on 31.03.2012.

(d) As informed by SBI, the leader of Consortium, the account of KFA is 'Sub-standard' with 8 Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and 'Standard' with 5 PSBs as on February, 2012. Consortium agreed to 'holding on operations' whereby a portion of the credits into the account are appropriated for reducing irregularities in the accounts of banks. All interest and dues upto 31.08.2011 have been paid. The consortium of the leading banks has been meeting regularly, last being on 17.02.2012, to deliberate and decide upon the course of steps to be taken.

Grants of Gram Panchayats under NRDWP

*19. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any scheme to provide grants to various Gram Panchayats for cleaning of water and purchase of equipment for cleaning of water etc. under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of mechanism in place to ensure optimum use of funds released under NRDWP; and

(d) the quantum of amount allotted so far to Gujarat under the programme during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation administers through the States, the Centrally sponsored scheme, National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) for providing financial and technical assistance to the States,