

World Bank

*333. **Shri H. C. Mathur:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of the assistance sought from World Bank; and

(b) what projects for the implementation of our Second Five Year Plan have been referred to the World Bank for assistance and what agreements, if any, have already been reached?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) and (b). The Government of India have not specified any particular figure for the assistance sought from the World Bank; but have only indicated the need for assistance to finance the foreign exchange costs of the development programmes in the Second Five Year Plan. Of these, so far, the World Bank had selected for early consideration the following projects:—

- (i) The second expansion programme of IISCO;
- (ii) An initial loan in support of the railway investment programme;
- (iii) Such additional projects in the field of transportation, notably ports and shipping, as may upon further investigation prove suitable for Bank consideration;
- (iv) The Koyna and Rihand hydro-electric projects, the two new projects of the Damodar Valley Corporation, and the expansion of the Trombay Steam Plant.

Agreements relating to two loans, one of \$ 20 million for the expansion programme of IISCO and the other of \$ 5.6 million for purchase of Boeing Jet-aircrafts for the Air India International Corporation, have since been signed.

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*358. { **Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:**
Shri L. N. Mishra:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in regard to negotiations with the World Bank for loan for the expansion of Indian Railways; and

(b) whether any amount has been promised by the World Bank for import of railway rolling stock and steel?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) Technical scrutiny of the project was completed in February 1957 by a team of consultants from the World Bank; and a delegation from the Government of India is now conducting further negotiations in Washington.

(b) No Sir, not yet.

Shri H. C. Mathur: May I know which of the projects referred by the Government of India have been dropped from consideration—I mean are not being considered?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I have no idea of having dropped any of these projects.

Shri H. C. Mathur: Now, we have been told that these four projects have been taken up by the World Bank for consideration and for finalisation. My question is how many were the projects referred to the Bank out of which these 4 are being considered.

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: These projects that are being referred to are projects that are now under consideration; they have not been taken up. They largely cover a number of projects in regard to railway expansion. We have under consideration projects for port expansion. These projects are in various stages of preparation and the World Bank has been intimated that we may approach them for a loan on account of these pro-