

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

W.B. ASSISTANCE FOR KARNATAKA

466. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has withheld loans/financial assistance to Power sector in Karnataka,

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government to impress upon the World Bank in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) to (c) The World Bank has cancelled its loan assistance under Karnataka Power Projects I & II. The loans earmarked for Karnataka Power Corporation were cancelled w.e.f. 1-8-1993 and for Karnataka Electricity Board w.e.f. 25-10-1993. The loans were cancelled on the ground that in the opinion of the World Bank, the project-authorities were not complying with the provisions of loan covenants.

(d) Considerable efforts were made time before the cancellations by the Govt. of Karnataka with the support of the Central Govt. to explain its position with respect to the various covenants. The Bank has been approached by it, to reconsider its decision regarding the cancellations.

DIRECTORATE OF FIELD PUBLICITY

467. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD :

SHRI G. DEVARAYA NAIK : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question No. 3903 answered on August 23, 1993 and state :

(a) whether the Committee set up by the Government to revamp the working of the Directorate of Field Publicity has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Committee ; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) The High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri U. C. Agarwal (retired Secretary, Department of Personnel) set up to study the aspects relating to the services and cadres of all the Media Units and Organisations of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, which inter-alia, included the Directorate of Field Publicity, has submitted its report to the Government on 16-11-1993.

(b) and (c) The recommendations made in the report are under the active consideration of the Government.

CONSTRUCTION OF ALAPPUZHA BYEPASS, KERALA

468. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal regarding construction of Alappuzha Bypass Phase-II in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) :

(a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.