

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MUMBAI URBAN TRANSPORT PROJECT
A.K. PREMAJAM

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank has, for the second time threatened to pull out of the Mumbai Urban Transport Project;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the project for the first time found itself in crisis in 1997 following a similar conflict; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a): No Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): In March, 1997, the World Bank decided to drop the Mumbai Urban Development Project from its lending programme due to the inadequacy of specific actions by the concerned agencies. However, considering the importance of the project in the public interest, the project proposal has now been revived after suitable review and restructuring by the Government of India.