

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6723  
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WORLD BANK LOAN  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the world bank has rejected the proposal of Government of India for aid of US \$ 9 million out of the loan amount for installation of Doppler Weather Radar (DWRS) along Andhra Pradesh coast;

(b) if so, the main reasons for rejection;

(c) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government have requested the Union Government to again take up the matter with World Bank for three DWRS for installation in the coastal Andhra for enhancing of early warning capabilities of Indian Meterological Department; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): Yes Sir. World Bank has cancelled an amount of US\$ 9 million earmarked for the installation of Doppler Weather Radars (DWRS) along Andhra Pradesh coast. The main reason for the cancellation is evaluation of bids not being carried out with due diligence, and the process of evaluation not being completed on time resulting in inordinate delay in award of contract.

(c)&(d): Yes Sir. On the request of Government of Andhra Pradesh, Government of India had taken up the matter with the World Bank. The World Bank has, however, not agreed to revoke their decision.