

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ADB LOANS

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of loans due from Asian Development Bank which was suspended due to the testing of nuclear weapons;
- (b) the projects which have been affected due to the non-release of funds by ADB;
- (b) whether the Asian Development Bank is likely to start lending loans to India; and
- (d) if so, by when ?

Answer

FINANCE MINISTER (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA)

(a) to (d) No loan was suspended by the Asian Development Bank as the Charter of the Asian Development Bank does not provide for such suspension. However, after Pokhran Test in May, 1998, some members of the Board of Directors of the Bank did not support loans for non Basic Human Needs Projects for India. Despite this, loans for India have been approved by the Bank after May, 1998.