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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has requested the World Bank and other multilateral development banks to create special windows for ensuring finance for infrastructure development and if so, the response received therefrom;
- (b) whether the Government has also requested to include a provision to help projects that face a sudden scarcity of funds due to volatile capital flows; and
- (c) if so, the response received by the Government from the World Bank and other multilateral development banks in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a), (b) and (c) Preliminary international deliberations are taking place exploring the possibility of setting up Global Infrastructure Facility (GIF) on World Bank side and Asia Pacific Infrastructure Fund (APIF) on ADB side, for infrastructure financing.

India has welcomed the initiatives being taken by the Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) for setting the GIF and the APIF. India has suggested that framework of GIF should contain a provision of finance for ongoing projects which face a sudden scarcity of funds owing to volatile capital flows.

Outcome of the above initiatives of World Bank and ADB are subject to international deliberations, which cannot be predicted.