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30.	Delhi	286.44	113.60	—	—
31.	Lakshadweep	2.00	—	—	—
32.	Pondicherry	29.20	16.70	—	—
33.	National Component	—	—	2423.00	1872.00
Total		85679.37	52114.82	94484.00	69390.00

Development of National Power Grid

3034. SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank loan aggregating \$ 580 million, meant to support India's renewable energy programme and to develop the National Power Grid into a national grid operation and transmission service company, have been shelved at the last minute;

(b) whether such unprecedented postponement of project loans reflect upon the sorry state of affairs prevailing in SFRs; and

(c) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to prevail upon the World Bank to reconsider its decision?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARA-MANGALAM): (a) Negotiations were held by Powergrid for a World Bank Loan of US \$ 450 million. The proceeds were to be utilised for construction of Unified Load Despatch Centres in the Western and the Eastern Regions. HVDC inter-connection between Eastern Region and Northern Region and construction of High Voltage inter-connection from Talcher in Orissa to the Southern Region and construction of Associated Transmission system for evacuation of power from Hirma Thermal Power station at Orissa. The meeting of the World Bank Board which was scheduled to be held on 26.5.1998 to consider the above loan has been deferred.

(b) and (c) The postponement of the above loan will not affect the State Electricity Boards.

World Bank Aid to Technical/Professional Institutions

3035. SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK:

SHRI ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance given by the World Bank/ other International Organisations for establishing technical/ professional institutions in Karnataka and Maharashtra, project-wise;

(b) the progress achieved in respect of ongoing projects in each State;

(c) the new projects proposed by the State Governments for financial assistance by the World Bank or other International Organisations;

(d) the present status of proposals;

(e) whether the State Governments have sought funds from Union Government for purchase of equipments for internet facility; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The World Bank Assisted Project for Strengthening of Technician Education includes establishment of three new Polytechnics in Karnataka and three Polytechnics in Maharashtra. The total outlay under the Project for Karnataka is Rs. 88.70 crores and Rs. 230 crores for Maharashtra.

(b) All the new Polytechnics in Karnataka and Maharashtra have been established.

(c) State Government of Maharashtra has sent proposal for setting up centres of excellence in ten existing Polytechnics in the State.

(d) The proposals received from Maharashtra Government can be considered only when the World Bank Assistance for new projects is finalised.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

12.00 hrs.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

(I) **Annual Report, Audited Accounts and Review of the Working of Consultancy Development Centre, New Delhi for the year 1996-97**

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:

(1) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Consultancy Development Centre, New Delhi, for the year 1996-97 alongwith Audited Accounts.

(ii) A copy of the Review (Hindi and English versions)