

(d) what is the manner in which Government propose to meet this power deficit?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) to (d) The Government is aware that a national convention of Institution of Engineers was held on the 29th and 30th January, 1993 in New Delhi, where anticipated power shortage by the end of the VIII Five Year Plan was also considered. The Government is also aware that on completion of the capacity addition programme of 30537.7 MW during the VIII Plan, the anticipated power supply position in the terminal year of the plan viz. 1996-97 will be as follows:—

Peak (MW) Energy (Mkwh)			
Requirement . . .	73656	416274	
Availability . . .	58403	378626	
Shortage . . .	—15253	—37648	
(%) Shortage . . .	—20.7	—9.0	

A number of measures are being taken to meet the anticipated situation, which, inter-alia, include—improved arrangements for transfer of electric power between regions, renovation and modernisation of the existing plants, improving plant load factor and plant availability of thermal and hydro plants respectively, reduction in transmission and distribution losses, conservation of energy and encouraging private investment in the power sector.

Release of Impounded D.A.

***459. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) since when the D.A. is being impounded in respect of those who are getting a basic pay above Rs. 3,500/- and how much D.A. has accrued to them;

(b) what are the reasons for impounding the D.A.;

(c) what is the account in which it is being credited;

(d) whether the interest is paid on those amounts at par with P.F. account, if so, from which date; and

(e) whether the employees will be allowed to withdraw the amount from the impounded D.A.; if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (e) The additional instalments of dearness allowance due to employees drawing pay above Rs. 3500/- p.m. are being credited to their respective provident fund accounts w.e.f. 1.7.1990 with a view to minimising the immediate cash outgo from the Consolidated Fund of India. The employees are paid interest on this amount and can draw advances or make withdrawals from their provident fund in accordance with the prescribed rules.

World Bank concern over Non-Utilisation of its Aid

***460. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:**

SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank officials have expressed concern over non-utilisation of World Bank assistance to the country;

(b) whether the Managing Director of World Bank took up the issue during his visit to the country recently; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?