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Office Nationale du Dueroire (OND) Banks loans	91	66	63
ABN Amro	33.546	27.149	27.149
ANZ Grindlays	33.546	27.149	27.149
Bank of America	29.834	24.145	24.145
BNP Singapore	15.000	12.140	12.140
Citibank	433.546	27.149	27.149
Credit Lyonnais	20.000	16.186	16.186
CSFB	33.656	27.238	27.238
Deutsche Bank	5.000	4.047	4.047
Dev. Bank of Singapore	22.871	18.509	18.509
Erste Bank	10.00	8.093	8.093
GIB	5.000	4.047	4.047
KBC Bank	15.00	12.140	12.140
Standard Chartered	15.00	12.140	12.140
State Bank of India	175.000	148.019	148.02
Canara Bank	50.000	42.290	42.290
OPIC Loans	60	60	60

Vast Sea-bed Resources for generation of power

2950. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) that with the chronic power shortage in the country adversely affecting the industrial and agricultural production, whether Government are thinking of harnessing sea waves and tidal currents for generating power on experimental basis initially as is being done in Norway, and has already been successfully experimented in France, Canada, Russia, etc.;

(b) if so, whether preliminary study been made in this regard and India's vast sea-bed resources should be profitably utilised for this purpose; and

(c) the other alternative source of power being thought of by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) According to information available in the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources, the Gulf of Kutch with a potential of about 12,000 MW, the Gulf of Cambay with a potential of about 3000 MW in Gujarat, and the Delta of Ganga in Sundarbans area of West Bengal with a potential of about 25 MW are three potential sites in the country for tidal power generation. A techno-economic feasibility report was prepared for a 900 MW capacity Kutch tidal power plant by CEA in 1987. However, the project could not be taken up owing to its high installation cost. After carrying out a feasibility study, a detailed project report for a 3 MW capacity tidal power plant proposed to be set up at Durgaduani Creek in Sundarbans area of West Bengal was prepared. A wave energy plant of 50 MW capacity has been installed by the Deptt. of Ocean Development at Vizhinjam in Kerala in 1991. The plant is being used as a national test facility to test wave power modules. The Deptt. of Ocean Development is also in the process of installing a 1 MW power plant at Tuticorin port in Tamil Nadu based on Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion Technology.

(c) The other alternative sources of power, being promoted by the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources include solar, wind, biomass, small hydro etc. and, at present, nearly 3600 MW of installed capacity has been set up on these renewable energy sources in the country.

Fluoride presence in drinking water in Madhya Pradesh

†2951. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it has come to the notice after inspection of the ground water for the rural drinking water supply, that in many districts in Madhya Pradesh the water contains fluoride; and

(b) if so, the districts affected by the phenomenon and the arrangements being made by the State Government and Central Government for supply of drinking water in these districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASHEB M. K. PATIL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) As per the informations furnished by Government of Madhya Pradesh, 22 districts namely: Shivpuri, Chhindwara, Mandla, Dindori, Seovani, Jhabua, Dewas, Shajapur, Bhopal, Raisen, Sehore, Rajgarh,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.