

inventor of the 'Loop', for popularising the device in India on a large scale: and

(b) whether Government have decided to give an increased subsidy to doctors and users of the loop on a nation-wide scale ?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. Sushila Nayar) : (a) and (b). The recommendations of Dr. Lippes are under consideration.

Aid from World Bank

***403. Shri S. M. Banerjee :**
Shrimati Savitri Nigam :
Shri Warrior :
Shri Daji :
Shri P. C. Borooah :
Shri D. D. Mantri :

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has finally decided the extent of aid for the non-project items in India;

(b) if so, the actual amount sanctioned or promised for sanction;

(c) what was the need of India; and

(d) how far it has been met ?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri) : (a) to (d). The President of the World Bank, on the basis of commitments already made and intentions expressed by Consortium members, has expressed his complete confidence that the entire amount of dollars nine-hundred million of non-projects aid which India and the World Bank consider necessary, will be provided to India during the current financial year. Of this nine-hundred million dollars, arrangements relating to \$314.6 million have been finalised and the rest is under negotiation.

Shortfall in Fourth Plan's Resources

***404. Shri Buta Singh :**
Shri Narasimha Reddy :

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has made any assessment of the shortfall in the Fourth Plan resources ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether in view of the shortfall in resources, the size of the Plan is being cut ?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shri L. N. Mishra) : (a) to (c). The resources position for the Fourth Plan and the size of the Plan in the light of this position are under consideration by the Planning Commission in consultation with the Ministry of Finance. The conclusions, with details will be set out in a draft outline of the Plan which is expected to be ready in a few weeks.

Functions of Planning Commission

***405. Shri Kishen Pattnayak :**
Shri Madhu Limaye :
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia :

Will the Minister of **Planning and Social Welfare** be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have seen the statement of Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao to the effect that it was improper not to consult the Planning Commission in the matter of devaluation of the rupee; and

(b) whether Government propose to introduce legislation defining the functions of the Planning Commission and its relations with the Cabinet ?

The Minister of Planning and Social Welfare (Shri Asoka Mehta) : (a) No such statement has been made by Prof. V. K. R. V. Rao.

(b) No, Sir.