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Danu: No. Kandy _____ Sri Lanka and Marble Beach in northeastern part of Sri Lanka.

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Widuri: Is it far?

Danu: It is *roughly* 170 kilometers from my city.

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