

ing relief facilities and accommodations to these refugees.

The repatriation of refugees to Sri Lanka depends on, *inter alia*, the availability of refugees willing to return, conditions conducive for the safe return of refugees to Sri Lanka; availability of suitable modes of transportation; convenience of the Sri Lankan Government to receive the refugees etc. Consultations are on-going with the Government of Sri Lanka to facilitate early repatriation of all Sri Lankan refugees.

[Translation]

Kala-Azar

*216. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF
FATMI:
SHRI LAL BABU RAI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several deaths are taking place due to Kala-Azar every year:

(b) the States where this Kala-Azar has taken an epidemic form;

(c) whether the Government have adopted any action plan to combat this epidemic; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):(a) and (b) Kala-Azar is mostly prevalent in Bihar and West Bengal: 1419 deaths in 1992 and 505 upto August, 1993 were reported.

(c) and (d) Action plan includes:

Control of vector through DDT spray in affected areas; early diagnosis and complete treatment with appropriate drugs and health education and community participation.

Irrigation projects in U.P.

*217. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the on-going irrigation projects have come to standstill in Uttar Pradesh due to shortage of funds;

(b) if so, the total funds provided by the Union Government for these projects;

(c) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has sought additional assistance for completion of these projects; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No Sir.

(b) VIII Plan outlay for ongoing Major and Medium projects is about Rs. 2029 crores. Annual allocation during 1993-94 for these projects is about Rs. 362 crores.

(c) No special assistance has been sought by the State Government.

(d) Does not arise.