

Dengue Fever

299. **Dr. P. Srinivasan:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dengue Fever is in epidemic form in Madras City;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any fatal cases have been reported by this fever and if so, the number thereof?

The Minister for Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) Not at present. There was an epidemic of Dengue-like illness in the Madras City.

(b) The disease was caused by a virus known as Chikungunya virus which is transmitted by aedes aegypti mosquitoes. The disease is generally associated with fever and severe pain particularly in the joints. The fever is characterised by sudden onset and is generally of 3—4 days duration with temperature ranging from 102 degrees to 104 degrees. In many cases there is a second bout of fever for one or two days after the lapse of a couple of days. There is no specific treatment so far found for this disease.

(c) There had been a very large number of cases running into lakhs. The number of deaths according to an Indian Council of Medical Research report was 17.

Techno-Economic Survey of Indravati Basin

300. { **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:**
Shri Uikey:
Shri Chandak:
Shri Bade:
Shri Hukam Chand
Kachhavaia:
Shri Bakliwal:
Shri Wadiwa:
Shri Surya Prasad:
Shri R. S. Tiwary:
Shri J. P. Jyotishi:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state the progress made in

regard to the techno-economic survey of the Indravati Basin?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): A Committee has been appointed to undertake the techno-economic appraisal of the Indravati Basin. The Committee will assess the potentialities for development in the fields of irrigation, power, forest resources, minerals and industry with special reference to the possibilities of large scale rehabilitation of displaced persons. The Committee has already started collection of materials for working out both the long term and short term measures. As soon as the materials are ready, the Committee will visit the basin area and finalise its report.

Kothagudium Thermal Plant

301. **Shri Eswara Reddy:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of work carried out by Messrs Ewbank & Partners of United Kingdom so far in regard to Kothagudium Thermal plant in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the amount paid to them to the end of October, 1964 for the above consultancy; and

(c) whether the Engineers deputed for training at the above firm have since returned?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) to (c). A statement containing the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3411/64].

Allowances for Family Planning Workers

302. **Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Committee under the recommendation of the Central Family Planning Board to examine the desirability of paying allowances to