

health care services to attract a larger number of Doctors for service in the rural areas has been launched. Arrangements have also been made for holding the prestigious examinations by the National Board of Examination which correspond to foreign qualifications e.g. F.R.C.S., M.R.C.P. etc.

Benefits to Government Servants who Undergo Family Planning Operation

3548. SHRI B. K. GADHAVI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government servants undergoing family planning operations are given financial benefits like increments etc ;

(b) upto how many children such benefits are given ;

(c) whether it is a fact that a Government servant who undergoes for family planning operation with one child only is not given such benefits and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to give financial benefits even to a Government servant with one child only who undergoes family planning operations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (d) Central Government employees, undergoing sterilization after two or three children are eligible for a special increment not absorbable in future pay increases $\frac{1}{2}$ % rebate on interest in house building advance and special casual leave, subject to conditions laid down in the relevant Government orders. These incentives are not admissible to Government servants who undergo sterilization with one child only. However, the issue of allowing incentives to those who undergo sterilization with less than two children is under consideration.

Vamanapuram Irrigation Project

3549. SHRI T. BASHEER : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated cost of Vamanapuram Irrigation project in Trivandrum District of Kerala ;

(b) what are the details of expenditure incurred so far year-wise since the project was undertaken ; and

(c) what is the present stage of the work and when the project is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 37.12 crores.

(d) The project was taken up for execution in 1979. The details of expenditure are as under :—

Period	Amount
Upto 31.3.1980	Rs. 11.54 lakhs
1980-83	Rs. 31.12 lakhs
1983-84	Rs. 19.00 lakhs
1984-85 (anticipated)	Rs. 10.00 lakhs
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	Rs. 71.66 lakhs

(c) The project is in its preliminary stage of execution and is likely to be substantially completed by the end of Seventh Plan (1985-90).

Running Assam Mail on Broad Gauge line between Barauni and Gauhati

3550. SHRI AMAR ROYPRDHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Assam Mail goes on Broad Gauge line from New Delhi to Barauni and from there it goes on Metre Gauge line upto Gauhati ; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not running this train on Broad Gauge line throughout from New Delhi to Gauhati via Barauni ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.