4. Gastro-G.B. Pant Hospital. entrology New Delhi.

Family Planning Corporation

2676. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to establish a Family planning Corporation; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) & (b) No such proposal is under consideration.

Formation of dam safety inspectorate

2677. PROF- K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any complaint regarding safety of the dams in the country;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to examine the safety of dams;
- (c) whether suitable legislations will be made in this direction; and
- (d) whether an independent body like 'Dam Safety Inspector' will be formed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOU-RCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) There have been suggestions and complaints about dam safety from various quarters. As water is a State subject, most of the reservoirs and dams are owned, operated and maintained by the State Governments and, therefore, the matter has to be discussed with the States to prepare the ground for further action. However, realising the importance of dam safety, Government of India have constituted a Dam Safety Organisation in the Central Water Commission for assisting the State Governments to locate cases of potential trouble and to recommend remedial measures.

Construction of new airports

2678. SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have a proposal to construct new airports in the country;
- (b) if so, the places indentified for the location of new airports in the state of Karnataka;
- (c) the time by which the proposal is expected to be implemented;
- (d) the other places identified in the country set up new airports; and
 - (e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) The Central Government has no plan for construction of any new airport in the State of Karnataka. Construction of an airport at Hubli has, however, been taken up by the Government of Karnataka.
- (c) Schedule of completion of Hubli airport has not been intimated by the State Government.
- (d) Calicut, Shimla, Gangtok, ltanagar, Salem and Tuticorin.
 - (e) (i) At Calicut—construction work is in progress;
 - (ii) At Shimla—site development work is being done; and
 - (iii) At other airports—sites have yet to be finalised/developed.

Technical education and research centres

2679. SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVE-LOPMENT be pleased to state: