

**Cultural Complex in Memory of Late Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi at Delhi**

2751. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a cultural complex at Delhi in the memory of the late Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi ;

(b) if so, the site selected for that purpose ;

(c) the amount earmarked for implementing the above project ; and

(d) the time by which preliminary works are expected to start ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) Yes, Sir; the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts was formally launched by the Prime Minister on 19.11.1985.

(b) An area measuring approx. 21 crores on Central Vista has been allotted.

(c) An amount of Rs. 60 crores for capital works and Rs. 25 crores for implementation of the programmes/activities of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts has been provided by the Planning Commission during the VII Plan period.

(d) An international Architect's Design Competition has been announced, the results of which are expected to be declared by November, 1986 ; the detailed designs and drawings will be prepared thereafter.

**States to Join ongoing Population Project**

2752. SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether more States are to join in the ongoing population project during the Seventh plan and if so, details thereof ;

(b) whether Government will concentrate first and more fully on the rural areas and sections of society where the population growth is the maximum ; and

(c) whether Governmen will involve all social institutions in this important national project ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) West Bengal has joined the Area Project Programme in the form of India population project-IV started in 4 districts of the State on 1st September, 1985. The Details are shown in the statement given below.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The projects are implemented by the respective State Governments. It is hoped that the concerned State Governments would be able to enlist support and involvement of all social institutious.

**Statement**

*World Bank assisted Area Project in the West Bengal (IPP-IV)*

The 4th India population project has been taken up in West Bengal from 1st September, 1985 at total estimated cost of Rs 107.47 crores. The project is to be implemented over a period of 5 years.

Four districts of Burdwan Division namely Burdwan, Bankura, Birbhum and Purulia have been selected for the project. These districts account for 23 percent of the rural population and about 17 per cent of the total population of the State.

There are four major functional components of this project :—

(a) Service delivery,

(b) Demand generation activities,

(c) Monitoring, Evaluation and Operational Research,

(d) Project management.

The first component is the largest component: (Rs.77.23 crores approx.) and provides for construction, equipping and staffing of a large number of service centres (sub-centres, New PHCs, Old PHCs, CHCs, training Centres and staff quarters) in the four selected districts. The remaining three components aim at generation of demand for services, improvement in the technical and management skills of the personnel and improvement in the management practices and systems over the entire State.

#### Thalassaemia Disease in Children

2753. SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Thalassaemia disease is affecting children in the country on a fairly wide scale and if so, the details thereof, State-wise ;

(b) whether it is a fact that only 4 of 300 known cases of this disease in the capital are receiving treatment being too expensive and if so, the remedial steps proposed to mitigate the suffering amongst the weaker sections ; and

(c) whether ICMR/PG Medical Institutions are working on this disease and if so, since when and with what results so far ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : Yes, Sir. In general population, the incidence of Thalassaemia trait is observed between 3 to 11 percent. State-wise details of the children affected by the disease are not available as it is a rare disease.

(b) N.D.M.C. hospital administration at Moti Bagh is providing facilities for giving blood transfusion to 8 children daily. The N.D.M.C. administration has further agreed to provide specialised treatment by way of providing Desferal injections and Leucocyte filters for 50 children. Regarding remedial steps proposed to mitigate the suffering amongst weaker sections, the basic approach consists of identification of 'at risk' couples and opportunity for ante-natal diagnosis. With this in mind, I.C.M.R. has set up a centre of

prenatal diagnosis of Thalassaemia at the Institute of Immunohaematology, Bombay where the basic methodology has been already standardised and data on normal samples is being collected. A notification has already been issued through the ICMR bulletin that any interested party can approach the Institute for antenatal diagnosis of Thalassaemia.

(c) The ICMR has initiated a 3 year long collaborative study on Thalassaemia in August, 1983 at the following three centres :—

1. Institute of Immunohaematology, Bombay.
2. University College of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.
3. School of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta.

The laboratory techniques have been standardised and the survey is in progress.

Besides, indepth studies on Thalassaemia have been carried out recently at the Council's Haematology Unit at the School of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta. The salient findings of the study are :

1. Thalassaemic subjects are more prone and susceptible to fevers.
2. It appears that the immune status of these subjects is altered.
3. Repeat surveys carried out in Bengalee population revealed a considerable higher value for Thalassaemia trait in a recent survey ; the reasons for this increase are being evaluated.

#### Declaration of Road from Ongole to Raichur as National Highway

2754. SHRI C. SAMBU : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government have approached the Centre to take over the road from Ongole to Raichur via Giddalore, Nandyal, Kurnool