

ment of Rajasthan requested for financial assistance for equipments including Cobalt Unit for development of Oncology Wing in SMS Medical College, Jaipur. The matter is under consideration. As regards AIDS detection centres in Rajasthan, there are already 6 such testing centres in the State.

[English]

Demonstration in New Delhi

3177. DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any demonstration was held by some persons before the Police Headquarters in New Delhi on November 10, 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof

(c) the main demands made by such persons; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About half-a-dozen persons had staged a peaceful dharna at Police Headquarters on 10.11.1993 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. to protest against alleged atrocities on innocent husbands by their wives.

(c) Their main demands *inter alia* were closure of the Crime against Women Cells of the Delhi Police; stopping of police intervention in matrimonial complaints; making cruelty by wives to husbands and his family members a cognizable offence; setting up of Crime against

Men Cells wherever the Crime Against Women Cells exist.

(d) Our society still continued to be primarily male-dominated and the women have not so far been accorded the status they deserve. Crime against Women Cells have been set-up to check harassment of women, primarily harassment relating to dowry. No justification for setting up of such Cells for men exists. Action on the complaints made by women is taken after proper verification.

[Translation]

Satluj-Yamuna Link Canal

3178. SHRI NARAIN SINGH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have entrusted the remaining construction work of the Satluj-Yamuna link canal to Punjab;

(b) whether the Government have issued instructions to the Government of Punjab to start the construction work immediately or to entrust the construction work to any other agency;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the canal is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) The construction work of SYL Canal in Punjab territory is already with Government of Punjab.

(b) and (c). Government of Punjab has been advised to engage appropriate