

Kelo Major Irrigation Project (M.P.)

168. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh have requested his Ministry to execute Kelo major irrigation Project of that state ;

(b) if so, the steps taken to implement the above proposal ;

(c) the estimated cost of that project ; and

(d) at what stage the above project is under implementation ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKAR-ANAND) : (a) and (b). Madhya Pradesh has not requested the Centre to execute Kelo Irrigation Project. Irrigation being a State subject, irrigation projects are executed by the States.

(c) and (d). According to a Project Report submitted by the State in 1979, the Scheme was estimated to cost Rs. 17.8 crores. The State Government has not yet taken up execution of this Project. They are carrying out investigations to assess the extent of coal deposits that may go under submergence by the proposed reservoir of Kelo Irrigation Project.

Underweight Newly Born Babies and their Deaths in Bhopal

169. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news' item appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 17th February, 1985 wherein it has been stated that during the last 2 months, nearly 25 per cent of the newly born babies living in old Bhopal have died soon after their birth ;

(b) whether it has also been stated that such newly born babies are under-

weight, causing anxiety to both parents and gynaecologists there ; and

(c) whether Central Government propose to send a team of experts to Bhopal to inquire into the matter and propose preventive measures in regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). Government have seen the relevant Press Report.

(c) A study on growth and development among new born of the MIC affected areas has been initiated at Bhopal since 1st January, 1985 by the Indian Council of Medical Research. Approximately 100 babies were examined during the first week who were 7 to 40 days old. Most of these babies are full term but low in birth weight with an average of 2 kilogramms. Mother's weight ranges from 40 to 45 kilograms and they are generally malnourished. Developmentwise, the babies had minor birth anomalies, such as periauricular nodule and hernia. However this incidence is not any higher than those reported in general population.

Vacancies of Medical and Para-medical Personnel in Hospitals of Delhi Administration

170. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 19th February, 1985 wherein it has been stated that work at several Delhi Administration hospitals which are meant to cater to the needs of weaker sections has been suffering because of a ban due to which 500 vacancies of medical and para-medical personnel have not been filled ;

(b) whether Delhi Administration has also apprised the situation to the Central Government as mentioned in part (a) above ; and