

**HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**  
be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that over 80 per cent of the cancer cases in India are reported to hospitals only when the disease is at its stage III or IV stage and at these stage the disease is considerably advance and the possibility of cure is poor ; and

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that if the disease is diagnosed earlier about 30 to 40 per cent cases can be prevented from this disease and if so, the details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Early detection of various kinds of cancer at pre-cancerous stages would result in saving life, providing better quality of life and to some extent increasing the life span. This involves health education and conducting simple and cheap tests. The tests are physical and internal examination, radiological examination, biopsy, PAP smear test, Laboratory investigations etc.

[*Translation*]

**Flood Control of Brahmaputra and Ganga**

2609. **SHRI ZAINUL BASHER :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the amounts sanctioned to Brahmaputra Board and Ganga Board to control floods in Brahmaputra and Ganga respectively ;

(b) the action being taken by these Boards to control floods ;

(c) whether keeping in view the fact that a large population is affected and there is immense loss of property by the floods Government propose to formulate any effective scheme to

control floods in the aforesaid rivers ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

**THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) :** (a) No amount has been sanctioned for the Brahmaputra Board or the Ganga Flood Control Board for expenditure on flood control works, as such. Flood control works are being carried out by the concerned States.

(b) to (d) : The Brahmaputra Board is carrying out surveys and investigations for preparation of a Master Plan for flood control, bank erosion and improvement of drainage in Brahmaputra and Barak basins. Feasibility reports in respect of the Dehang and Subansiri dam project have already been prepared by the Board. The Board has also taken up investigations for other multi purpose projects on Lohit, Noadihing and Dibang which are tributaries of the Brahmaputra.

The Ganga Flood Control Board has currently under its consideration the Comprehensive Master Plan for the Ganga basin prepared by the Ganga Flood Control Commission, which works under the directions of the Ganga Flood Control Board. In the meantime, the States from the Ganga basin are implementing various flood control schemes which are generally within the broad framework of the Comprehensive Plan.

**Manufacture of Diesel Engines in Diesel Locomotive Workshop, Varanasi**

2610. **SHRI ZAINUL BASHER :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the annual diesel engine manufacturing capacity of the Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi ;

(b) the number of engines for which orders were placed with this