

(d) the progress made so far in the completion of the construction work

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Rs. 73.97 crores upto March, 1985, against the revised cost of Rs. 260.51 crores as estimated in 1982.

(b) Rs. 91.30 crores as approved by the Planning Commission in 1978.

(c) The Project is likely to be completed in all respects by March, 1990.

(d) For the Masonry portion of the Bana Sagar Dam, 85% of excavation, 40% of masonry work and 25% concreting work have been completed upto March, 1985. In the rock-fill portion, 61% of excavation, 9% of earth work and 10% of Rock-fill work have been completed.

Requirement of Beds in Delhi Hospitals

2646. DR. A.K. PATEL :
SHRI C. JANGA REDDY
SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOJ
ALI KHAN :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any assessment with regard to the requirement/shortage of beds in various Central Government hospitals in Delhi ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to meet the shortage of beds in these hospitals to prevent overcrowding and to provide proper facilities for the treatment of patients ; and

(d) what are the estimated requirements of Delhi by the end of Seventh Plan and how it shall be met ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (d) : The norm of 1 bed per 1000 population is generally accepted as a desirable levels. It is a fact the number of beds in the Government hospitals in Delhi is not adequate to take care of the demands from the patients. This is mostly due to the fact that these hospitals cater to patients from Delhi as well as many of the neighbouring States. A mere increase in the bed strength of such hospitals, apart from the administrative difficulties involved, would not be able to take care of the increasing demands. The approach of the Government therefore is to establish a chain of peripheral level hospitals in and around Delhi to take care of the medical problems in such peripheral areas which, in turn, would ease the congestion in the existing hospitals and enable the Government to provide the medical facilities in a more satisfactory manner. At the moment, two hospitals with a bed strength of 500 each are in the process of getting commissioned at Hari Nagar and Shahdara. Three other hospitals with 100 beds each are being planned at Mangolpuri, Khichripur and Jaffarpur.

Investment in specific on going Irrigation Projects

2647. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has advised the State Governments to make investments in specific on going projects which are in an advanced stage and are to be completed during the Seventh Five Year Plan so as to make best use of the available financial resources ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) : The approach to the Seventh Plan emphasises that