

**Unsatisfactory Construction Pace of Takari Project in Maharashtra**

747. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the pace of construction of the Takari Project in Maharashtra which is a medium project and very vital for the area is utterly unsatisfactory ;

(b) if so, what are the factors responsible therefor ;

(c) what is the Central assistance sought/given ; and

(d) the steps being taken to accelerate the pace of work and by what time this will be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (d). Information is being collected from the Maharashtra Government.

**Paucity of Life Saving Drugs in All India Institute of Medical Sciences**

748. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL : SHRI MANVENDRA SINGH :

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 Hindustan Times dated 15 October, 1985 about the paucity of life saving drugs in All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi ;

(b) what is the position of the supply of vital drugs in other Central Government hospitals in Delhi ;

(c) whether such shortages have become rather frequent causing great hardship to patients ; and

(d) whether Government would conduct an indepth enquiry to ensure that medicines in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences are properly stored and such shortages do not crop up frequently ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) The All India Institute of Medical

Sciences have reported that there is no paucity of life saving drugs as listed in the Institute's drug list. There was, however, a temporary shortage of a few drugs during the month of October 1985, but this was made good by effecting purchases from the open market.

(b) All the vital drugs are available in the other Central Government hospitals in Delhi.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

**U.P. Districts Hit by Encephalitis**

749. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL : SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that at least 3 districts of U.P. are hit by encephalitis in a big way ;

(b) whether other areas in the country are also affected ;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to arrest the spread of this fatal disease ;

(d) whether to combat with this disease India has to import medicines from Japan/ other countries and whether the country is self-sufficient to treat it ; and

(e) the number of deaths that took place due to encephalities during the last one year ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) According to available information there has been an increase in the incidence of Encephalitis cases in certain parts of Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(c) A team from National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi and All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Calcutta were deputed to Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal respectively to render the necessary advice and assistance to the State Governments. Both the State Governments have taken the necessary containment measures including insecticides spraying, health education, publicity and treatment of patients. It