

3. West Bengal Minor irrigation Project	99.00
4. Maharashtra Composite irrigation III Project.	160.00

In addition, negotiations were also held with World Bank in January, 1986 for assistance to the Andhra Pradesh Composite-II Irrigation Project.

**Indo-German agreement on shipping
technology**

2580. SHRI K.V. SHANKARA GOWDA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the German Democratic Republic has shown its willingness to share the most sophisticated technology in the field of shipping with India and has also shown willingness to meet all its requirements;

(b) if so, whether any agreement in this regard has been signed recently; and

(c) if so, the main features of the agreement and by what time technology in the field of shipping is likely to be provided to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) : Do not arise.

**Community involvement in National
Health Policy**

2581. SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether active community involvement is an important aspects of National Health Policy and if so, how this is being actually achieved;

(b) whether non-Government agencies have been involved in a massive health education effort and if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the present structure of education is mainly elitist and needs to be changed in order to inculcate principles of public health?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Community involvement is an important aspect of National Health Policy and emphasis has been laid for the involvement of community at the grass root level. The Village Health Guide scheme was conceived with this concept. A member selected by the community is trained for three months at the Primary Health Centre in treatment of minor ailments and preventive and promotive aspects of health care. One Village Health Guide provides services to 1000 population/every village. The work of the Village Health Guide is supervised by the Village Health Committee. However, technical support is provided by the Health functionaries. At present there are 3,85,295 Village Health Guides and 2,45,489 Village Health Committees in the country.

(b) Voluntary Agencies are running ANM Training Schools in the country. Out of 413 ANM Training Schools, 92 are run by Voluntary Agencies. The grant-in-aid to these agencies is released through the respective State Governments. Non-Governmental agencies working in health field are also engaged in health education activities. They produce various types of health education material like folders, posters, booklets etc. and organise film shows and exhibitions on suitable occasions.

(c) The Medical Council of India which has been statutorily charged with the responsibility of maintaining uniform minimum standards of Medical Education in the country has been reviewing and revising the under-graduate curriculam from time to time so as to meet the needs of the country.