

Irrigation Project of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra;

(b) the total hectares of land in Madhya Pradesh and in Maharashtra which can be brought under irrigation completion of that project; and

(c) the estimated cost of the above project ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) :
(a) The Governments of Madhya Pradesh/Maharashtra have so far not submitted the Project Report to Centre.

(b) and (c) Details not available.

Delay in clearance of water projects

931. DR. G. S. RAJHANS : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a newsitem captioned "Centre flayed for delay in water projects" appearing in the Indian Express dated 16 June, 1986 ;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that during the conference of irrigation Ministers of Southern States, Centre was blamed for delay in clearance of projects ; and

(c) is so, the reaction of the Union Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In the Southern Regional Conference, some States referred to the delays in clearance of certain projects by the Centre, and it was pointed out to them that it was mainly on account of the delays on their part in providing the necessary information for clearance of the projects.

Incidence of Leukaemia near Nuclear Power Plants

932. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN :

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

(a) whether Government are aware that high incidence of leukaemia is prevailing nearby the nuclear power plants ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and preventive measures Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) :
(a) and (b) Government are aware of the fact that Lukaemia can occur as a result of Radiation Contaminating the air. There is possibility of the same in areas nearby the Nuclear Power Plant if adequate protective measures in the plant are not taken. However, no specific information about its high incidence in areas near nuclear plants in India is available.

A division of Radiation protection is functioning in Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Bombay, which takes care of all aspects of Radiation protection.

W.H.O's guidelines about AIDS

933. SHRI MURLIDHAR MANE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some AIDS deaths have been reported in Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof ;

(b) the steps taken by Government for detection of this fatal disease and subsequent treatment of the victims ; and

(c) whether the guidelines issued by the World Health Organisation on how to deal with AIDS patients have been circulated to all the State Governments to prevent the risk of AIDS contamination among hospital staff ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) :
(a) Yes. Only one death due to AIDS has been reported from Maharashtra. The patient (male) 55 years old who had received