

World and particularly among the children due to lack of Vitamin A;

(b) if so, whether any assessment has been made to ascertain the number of children suffering from blindness due to lack of Vitamin A in the country; and

(c) if so, what steps Union Government have taken/propose to take to provide extra care to the children ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) It is a fact that the W. H. O. has expressed concern, from time to time, over rising causes of blindness, particularly from age related causes e. g. cataract, glaucoma, etc. But, there is no evidence of any increase in the prevalence of Xerophthalmia, caused by Vitamin 'A' deficiency.

(b) and (c). Government of India has, however, taken up a scheme of prophylaxis against blindness due to Vitamin 'A' deficiency among children 1-5 years, since 4th Five Year Plan end, it is being continued through successive Five Year Plans.

#### Demands of Junior Doctors in Delhi

483. DR. G. S. RAJHANS :  
SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA :  
SHRI D. N. REDDY :  
SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI :

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

(a) whether the Junior Doctors of the Government run hospitals in Delhi observed strike during the month of October, 1986;

(b) if so, what were their demands; and

(c) the action Government propose to take on their demands ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ

KHAPARDE) : (a) The junior doctors of six major hospitals of Delhi observed a token strike on 15th October, 1986.

(b) and (c). The main demand of Junior Doctors relates to enhancement of emoluments, and is being considered in consultation with the Ministry of Finance and other concerned authorities.

#### Sethusamudaram Canal Project

484. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any research work is being carried out for setting up of Sethusamudaram Canal Project in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

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

(b) Does not arise.

#### Dams built on Cauvery in Karnataka

485. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of dams that have been built, or now being built on the Cauvery river in Karnataka State; and

(b) the total capacity of these reservoirs ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b). The information is given below :

Sl. No.		Live Storage (M. Cum.)
1	2	3

#### Completed Dams :

1.	Krishnarajasagar	1268.58
2.	Byra Mangala	21.16