

health care and in social development; and

- (iii) to promote community participation in the mental health service development, and to stimulate efforts towards self help in the Community.

The Planning Commission have tentatively allocated a sum of Rs. 1.00 crore for implementing the programme during the 7th Five Year Plan period.

Financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 75000/- against the available funds during the year 1986-87 was released to the National Institute of Mental Health and Neure Sciences, Bangalore for preparation of manuals for use of doctors, multipurpose workers, maintenance of records etc., in the context of the development of this programme.

Medical council of India without President and Vice-President

5167. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK:
SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA:
SHRI MANIK REDDY:
SHRI SUBHASH YADAV:

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

(a) whether the Medical Council of India has been functioning without its President and Vice-President;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether any steps are being taken to fill up these posts for the normal working of this organisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c). On account of an interim order of the High Court of Bombay, the President of the Medical Council was res-

trained from performing his duties. Further, due to some dispute about holding of the office of Vice-President by the present incumbent during his extended term of membership of the Council, the matter was considered by the Government and instructions have since been issued to the Vice-President to take necessary action for the normal working of the Council.

Proposed Bridge over River Sone in Bihar

5168. DR. C.P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the position of the proposed bridge over River Sone at Koilwar in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): An estimate for the Survey and Investigation and preparation of project report has already been sanctioned. This work is in progress.

Over Bridge on Ganga at Patna

5169. DR. C. P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of the proposed railway over bridge across river Ganga at Patna, and

(b) the steps taken to expedite the work on this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Engineering-cum-Traffic survey for a railway bridge across river Ganga near Patna has been taken up. Further action would be considered on completion of the survey and examination of the report.

Irrigation Projects under Execution in Bihar

5170. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state: