

(b) whether some amount was sanctioned during the Sixth Five Year Plan and if so how much and the details regarding its utilisation ; and

(c) the details regarding the financial and medical assistance which is being provided during the Seventh Five Year Plan ?

MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) :

(a) to (c) The National Malaria Eradication Programme is being implemented as Category II Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme on 50 : 50 sharing basis of expenditure between the Central and State Governments concerned as per approved pattern of central assistance. The Plan outlay for Seventh Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised but central assistance out of Central Govt.'s 50% share will continue during 1985-86 as per approved pattern. During the Sixth Five Year Plan, the Central Govt. provided the following central assistance to the Government of Orissa for NMEP out of their 50% share :

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| NMEP (Rural) — | Rs. 1320.97 lakhs |
| NMEP (Urban) — | Rs. 17.18 lakhs |
| Total | Rs. 1338.15 lakhs |

Adult Education Programme during Sixth Plan Period

1492. **SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI :** Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) the targets fixed to cover the population of illiterate persons through adult education programme during the Sixth Plan period ;

(b) the percentage of the total illiterate persons covered during the plan period ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that target fixed could not be achieved, if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) The Sixth Plan document envisaged eradication of illiteracy in the age-group 15—35 years by 1990. No specific targets were fixed during the Sixth Plan period.

(b) The percentage of the total illiterate persons (15—35 age group) covered as compared to the number of illiterate estimated for the age group 15—35 years in 1981 (110 million) is 19.7% during the Sixth Plan period.

(c) No specific targets were fixed during the Sixth Plan period.

Pritam Singh Committees' Recommendations on Soil Erosion by Bhagirathi

1493. **SHRI SYED MASUDAL HOSSAIN :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the fate of the Pritam Singh Committee's recommendation on soil erosion by the Bhagirathi ;

(b) whether Government propose to implement it now ;

(c) if so, when and the details thereof ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (d) The Pritam Singh Committee (Ganga River Erosion Committee) constituted by the Government of West Bengal recommended various anti-erosion measures for the left and the right banks of the Ganga both upstream and downstream of Farakka Barrage. The Farakka Project Organisation has already executed such bank protection works along the Ganga as were immediately required for the safety of the project complex. A scheme of additional anti-erosion measures for the project-associated area has also been formulated by the project authorities and is proposed for inclusion in the Seventh Plan. For the remaining reaches of the Ganga, the Government of West Bengal have formulated some anti-erosion schemes and these are under implementation by them in phases.

Meeting of Farakka Barrage Construction Board

1494. **SHRI SYED MASUDAL HOSSAIN :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state ;