

irrigated with the completion of Teesta Barrage Project of West Bengal:

- (b) the percentage of work completed so far; and
(c) the area irrigated by this project till date?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Presently Sub-stage I of stage I of Teesta Barrage Project under Phase-I is under execution. The ultimate irrigation potential of this sub-stage is 527 th. ha.

(b) The percentage of work completed so far is as given below :

3 barrages namely, Teesta Mahananda and Dauk Nagar barrages and Teesta Mahananda link canal and Mahananda main canal have been completed. The progress of other 3 main canals and distribution system is as given below.

1. Dauk Nagar Main Canal	66%
2. Nagar Tangon Main canal	Nil
3. Teesta Jal Dhaka Main canal	25%
4. Distribution system	25%

(c) Against an ultimate potential of 527 th. ha. (thousand Hectares) a potential of 73.35 thousand hectare was likely to be created by March 1996.

Upgradation of Medical College

1319. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to upgrade the Guwahati Medical College into a fullfledged Medical Institute; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Kanhar Irrigation Project

1320. SHRI BRAJ MOHAN RAM : Will the Minister OF WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the date on which Planning combined on had accorded approval to "Kanhar" Irrigation Project in Palamau district of Bihar;

(b) the details of expenditure incurred on the said project so far;

(c) whether the Government propose to commission this project; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) The Planning Commission has not accorded approval to Kanhar Irrigation Project.

(b) No expenditure has been incurred on the project so far.

(c) and (d). The State Government of Bihar is yet to settle the issue with the State Government of Madhya Pradesh. Though there is prescribed time for techno-economic appraisal of the project, the clearance of any project depends upon how soon the State Government complies with the observations of the various Central Agencies.

[English]

Four Laning of Nagpur Ring Road

1321. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal regarding four laning of Nagpur Ring Road has been received from Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government of Maharashtra had submitted a proposal on 25.7.94 for four laning of Nagpur Ring Road between Wardha Road and Umred Road (km. 1.457 to km 6.871) for an estimated cost of Rupees 165 Lakhs which was sanctioned by this Ministry on 16.11.94 under the Central Road Fund Scheme.

[Translation]

Setting up of IDB

1322. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up a separate Institutional Development Bank (IDB) to provide financial assistance for the construction of roads and National Highways in the Country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

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

[English]

Production of Ballistic Missile by Pakistan

1323. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been reported that Pakistan is

producing new ballistic missile at a secret factory with Chinese support; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir. Government have seen press reports in this regard.

(b) Government have been aware of Pakistans attempts to develop and produce Half series of ballistic missiles with Chinese assistance and consider it a matter of great concern. Government of India is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard its security and national interest in accordance with its own threat perceptions.

US Report on Pak's Support to Militants

1324. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA :
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state .

(a) whether the Government are aware of the latest report of the US Government "Patterns of Global Terrorism 1995" admitting Pakistan's support to the militant groups in Kashmir and Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to project the report in the international fora;

(d) whether the Government have taken up the matter with the US in view of its massive arms supply to Pakistan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b). The State Department's Annual Report on Patterns of Global terrorism for 1995 states, interalia, that there are credible reports of official Pakistani support to militants fighting in Kashmir, including Pakistani, Afghan and Arab nationals, and to groups that claimed responsibility for various terrorist bombings in Kashmir. In the context of the on-going hostae crisis in Kashmir, it mentions that the Harkat-ul-Ansar (HUA), a militant group headquartered in Pakistan, is believed to be linked to Al-Faran, the group that has claims responsibility for the kidnappings. The Report also mentions that India claims that Pakistan harbours and supports Sikh militant groups.

The above statements in the Report on Patterns of Global Terrorism support our position that Pakistan continues to be directly involved in large scale promotion and support of terrorist activities in India, with the supply of arms, equipment, training and infiltration.

(c) Government has been sharing with friendly government on a continuous basis the evidence

available with us from various sources of Pakistan's active involvement in terrorism in India.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Government has repeatedly made it clear to the US Government that the US decision to transfer the \$368 million arms package to Pakistan under the Hank Brown amendment would not promote peace and stability in the region and should be viewed, interalia, in the light of Pakistan's major and direct involvement in international terrorism.

Raids on the Residence of Health Department Officer

1325. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL :
SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA :

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

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Raids on the residence of the officer of Health Department" appearing in the 'Hindustan' on June 28, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stage of investigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The matter is under investigation and details are being collected to be laid on the table of the House.

Report on Conditions of Indian Girls

1326. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the recent report on conditions of Indian girls published by the UNICEF;

(b) if so, the salient features of the report; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government towards the improvement of the conditions in regard to their equcational rights?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Government is aware of the recent Report on the "Progress of Nations" brought out by United Nations Childrens' Fund (UNICEF).

(b) The Report which is an International publication gives a global update of how children are faring in both industrialised and developing countries. They are in the areas of health, nutrition, gender gap in education,