

cost Rs. 4.25 crores; and land acquisition for the Nagpur bypass, estimated to cost Rs. 2.00 crores; The widening of the Bombay-Poona Road will require, in that section, a different alignment for the additional 2-lane carriageway with a view to having easier gradient and curves.

2. The allocations available for development of national highways being low since the financial year 1973-74 and being inadequate even for completing, in reasonable time, the 'on-going' works which in Maharashtra alone amount to about Rs. 47 crores, it would be difficult to agree to the request of the Maharashtra Government. However, within the available allocations, efforts will be made to sanction, out of the list, those works which are considered inescapable.

#### **Sterilisation in States**

1783. SHRI SAMAR GUHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the facts about sterilisation recorded in different States during the years 1973-75, including the break-up of the figures; and

(b) the nature of the inducements resorted to by different States in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (CHAUDHURY RAM SEWAK): (a) A statement (Annexure—I) giving the required information for the years 1973-74 and 1974-75 is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No. LT-10596/76]

(b) The pattern of central assistance for sterilisation operations under the National Family Planning Programme provides at present for Rs. 35/- for vasectomies and Rs. 70/- for tubectomies (including Rs. 25/- as diet charge). However, the incentives paid to the acceptors of vasectomy and

tubectomy operations vary from State to State. Besides, some of the State Governments have introduced certain measures of incentives and disincentives for promotion of the Family Planning Programme. A summary of the measures taken by various State Governments and Delhi Administration are indicated in statement (Annexure—II), laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-10596/76]

#### **Increase in Beds in Hospitals**

1784. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state the number of beds added to hospitals during the Third and Fourth Plans periods and numbers likely to be added during the Fifth Plan, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (CHAUDHURY RAM SEWAK): A statement showing State/Union Territory-wise number of hospital beds as on 1-4-65, 31-12-1968 and 31-12-1973 is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-10597/76]. From the statement it will be seen that 47,322 beds and 49,441 beds were added during the periods from 1-4-1965 to 31-12-1968 and from 31-12-1968 to 31-12-1973 respectively. Separate information regarding the number of beds added during the different plan periods is not readily available. It is expected that 40,000 hospital beds will be added during the 5th Plan period, State-wise break-up of which is not available.

#### **Financial Assistance sought by Nepal**

1785 PROF NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Nepal have recently sought financial assistance for more projects; and

(b) if so, the names of the projects?