

Unstarred Question No. 867 on the 24th February, 1966 and state:

(a) whether the Kuttiadi Irrigation Scheme has been finalised for inclusion in the Fourth Plan; and

(b) if so, the amount allocated for it and when it will be commissioned?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed):**

(a) The Kuttiadi Irrigation Scheme is included in the Third Five Year Plan and will continue in the Fourth Plan as a spill over scheme.

(b) The allocation for the Fourth Plan has not yet been decided. A sum of Rs. 38 lakhs has been provided for 1966-67. The scheme will be completed during the Fourth Plan period.

#### **Kanhirapuzha Irrigation Scheme**

**4067. Shri P. Kunhan:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the amount is proposed to be allocated to the Kanhirapuzha Irrigation Scheme the Kerala in the Fourth Plan;

(b) whether any representation has been received from the District Development Council, Palghat for increased funds for the scheme and for the completion of it in the Fourth Plan; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed):**

(a). Allocation for Fourth Five Year Plan has not been finalised.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Incidence of Elephantiasis in Kerala**

**4068. Shri P. Kunhan:** Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey in Kerala recently

to assess the number of persons afflicted with elephantiasis; and

(b) if so, their number and the steps taken to eradicate the disease?

**The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** (a) Filaria surveys were conducted in different parts of Kerala State from 1955 to 1963.

(b) Out of 1,08,971 persons examined during surveys, 5,049 persons were found positive for Filariasis giving and overall infection rate of 4.63 per cent.

Filariasis does not lend itself to eradication in a time limited crash programme like malaria. The permanent remedy for the control of the disease lies in the provision of facilities for drainage, disposal of waste water and sewage and improvement of sanitation. These measures are being taken up according to availability of funds. Meanwhile for controlling the spread of the disease, a programme known as the National Filaria Control Programme has been launched since 1955.

#### **Efficacy of Loop**

**4069. Shri P. Kunhan:** Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the loop invented by the famous American Doctor Lippes is proving ineffective in controlling births;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports from Kerala where there have been births in spite of the application of loop and along with it in single and twins; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative the steps taken to offset the situation?

**The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes. According to official reports available from Kerala, the pregnancy rate in cases with loops in