

Irrigation Project in Gujarat State has been approved by the Central Water and Power Commission and technically sanctioned by Government ;

(b) if so, the details of plans and estimates and the tenure of time limit for starting and completion of the project.

(c) if not ; the causes of its delay in this regard ; and

(d) the salient features thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) (a) : No ; Sir.

(b) to (d). The project as submitted by the Government of Gujarat envisages the construction of a reservoir across the Sabarmati at Dharoi to meet the water supply demands of Ahmedabad city and Gandhi Nagar in addition to irrigating, 1,18,600 acres in Mehsana District and firming up of 70,000 acres of irrigation in the command of the existing Moti Fatehwadi Project. The estimated cost of the irrigation part of the project is Rs. 12.76 crores.

The inter-state aspects are being looked into before the project is considered for approval.

Incidence of T. B. Among Working People

2297. **SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that incidence of T. B. among the working people is on the increase ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) : (a) There is no evidence to show that the incidence of T. B. among the working people is on the increase.

(b) A National T. B. Control Programme which provides coverage to the entire population has been in operation

since the first Five Year Plan. The principal features of the programme are (i) establishment of full fledged T. B. Clinics in each District ; (ii) establishment of Training and Demonstration Centres at the headquarters of major States with Mobile X-Ray Units ; (iii) Isolation and Treatment Beds for serious patients requiring surgery ; (iv) B. C. G. Vaccination ; and (v) free supply of drugs to patients at the T. B. Clinics.

Research for Cure of Cancer

2298. **SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some research is being conducted to get a cure for cancer ; and

(b) if so, whether the opinion of the foreign experts have been sought in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) : (a) Research in Cancer is being conducted towards the understanding of the epidemiology, histopathology, immunology and early diagnosis of the disease which may lead of the development of techniques for the cure as well as prevention of the disease.

(b) No.

Full Neutralization of Dearness Allowance of Central Government Employees

2299. **SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering the proposal of the Central Government Employees' Organization regarding full neutralization of dearness allowance ;

(b) if so, whether any negotiations were held in this regard ; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) : (a) to (c). The

staff side raised among other things the issue of grant of Dearness Allowance on the basis of full neutralization of rise in prices in the National Council of the J.C.M. in its meeting held in July, 1968. The matter did not however, come up for discussion, as the National Council adjourned due to some difference of opinion on the question of arbitrability of the issue relating to minimum wage. This matter was again included in the agenda for discussion in the meeting of the Council held on 27-28th December, 1968. The consideration of this item was, however, deferred.

**Scheme for Construction of Apartments
for Upper Middle Class**

2300. SHRI P. M. SAYEED :
SHRI MANIBHAI J.
PATEL :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Delhi Administration has formulated a scheme for the construction of apartments for Upper Middle Class ;
(b) if so, the salient features thereof ;
and
(c) when it would be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) No, Sir.

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

Accounts of Indians in Banks Abroad

2301. SHRI YAJNA DATT SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4592 on the 16th December, 1968 and state :

- (a) whether the information regarding the total amount deposited in the 1220 accounts in the banks abroad by Indians has since been collected ; and
(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) : (a) and (b). It will take some time to collect the information.

It will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

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2302. SHRI YAJNA DATT SHARMA :
SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA :
SHRI SHRI GOPAL SABOO :
SHRI SHARDA NANDI :
SHRI ONKAR SINGH :
SHRI BANSH NARAIN SINGH :
SHRI J. B. SINGH :
SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :
SHRI MRITYUNJAY PRASAD :
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN LAL :
SHRI RANJIT SINGH :
SHRI JAGANNATH RAO JOSHI :
SHRI SURAJ BHAN :
SHRI RAM GOPAL SHALWALE :
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :
SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 60 on the 11th November, 1968 and state :

- (a) whether enquiries regarding the donors and contributors to the newspapers Patriot and Link have since been completed ;
(b) if so, the details thereof ;
(c) whether some of the donors and contributors have been found to be foreign agents ; and
(d) if so, their names and addresses ?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) : (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
(c) So far there is no evidence to show that any of the donors were foreign agents.
(d) Does not arise.