

Cost of Upper Krishna Project

3339. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the original estimated cost of the Upper Krishna Project, phase-wise;
- (b) the amount spent on that project so far;
- (c) whether the cost of the project was again revised;
- (d) if so, the revised estimated cost of that project and the period when the cost revision was made;
- (e) the steps taken to increase the allocation of funds for that project; and
- (f) the progress made in the implementation of that project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Upper Krishna Project Stage I was approved by the Planning Commission in April, 1978 for an estimated cost of Rs. 283.65 crores. Upper Krishna Stage II Project has not been received at the Centre.

(b) An amount of Rs. 560 crores has been spent till end of January, 1990.

(c) and (d). The revised estimated cost of the Project at 1986-87 price level is Rs. 1214.19 crores.

(e) The World Bank assistance has been secured for the project.

(f) Against the ultimate irrigation potential of 425 thousand hectares, irrigation potential created till January, 1990 is about 109

thousand hectares.

Separate Ques for Old People at Union Government Hospitals

3340. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that orders issued by his Ministry sometimes back for formation of separate queues for registration at the two Central Government Hospitals in the Capital for people aged 60 years and above are not being followed in letter and spirit;

(b) whether these orders covered all the Registration Counters at the various departments in these hospitals viz. Medical, Surgical, Dental Orthopaedic, ENT, X-Ray, Dressing Rooms and others;

(c) whether Government are aware that CGHS beneficiaries aged 70 and above, even including those who are entitled to 'Direct Consultation' have to undergo excruciating mental agony and torture waiting for their turn for consultation by the Medical/Surgical Specialists, Dental, Surgeon etc; and

(d) if so, the action Government propose to take to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTHAY): (a) to (d). In Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, there are separate queues in all the registration counters for registration of patients aged 60 years and above. In Safdarjang Hospital, this has been possible only in the Rehabilitation Department. However, elderly patients are being looked after thereby the Social Workers working in the Hospital, in all OPDs and are also being examined by doctors without queue. So far as CGHS beneficiaries are concerned, there