

(b) if so, whether the Government have formulated any concrete programme to prevent this and other States also;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Information has been sought from the State Government.

(b) to (d). Chief Secretaries of all the States/Union Territories have been requested to review arrangements to avert the outbreak of epidemics during the vulnerable period. The Union Government provides technical support through the National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD), Delhi in investigating outbreaks and taking remedial measures.

In addition the following measures are also normally taken by health authorities to check these diseases :

1. Provision of safe drinking water.
2. Improvement of food and personal hygiene.
3. Safe disposal of human excreta.
4. Appropriate Health Education.
5. Surveillance and monitoring.
6. Distribution of chlorine tablets and ORS packets.

[English]

Setting up of K.V. at Tellichery in Kerala

1389. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work on setting up of Kendriya Vidyalaya at Tellichery in Cannanore district, Kerala has been completed; and

(b) if not, the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The sponsoring authority has not provided requisite land and temporary accommodation as per norms for opening a Kendriya Vidyalaya at Tellichery.

Construction of Bund by Bangladesh

1390. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of his Ministry was drawn by

Members of Parliament to the construction of a Bund on Dharla River by Bangladesh authorities in Burimari Village of Lalmonirhat district, Bangladesh, during the period from January 1, 1994 to June, 30, 1996.

(b) if so, the action taken, so far, by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the matter was taken up by the Government with the Bangladesh authorities; and

(d) if so, when and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). the construction of a bund on river Dharla by Bangladesh started in the last week of March, 1994. This bund is located at village Burimari, Distt. Lalmonirhat, the Indo-Bangladesh border. Immediately on learning about the construction, the Border Security Force of India protested to Bangladesh Rifles at the commandant level on 26th & 28th April, 1994 and requested suspension of work pending our examination of the possible adverse consequences for India from the short circuiting of the loop through the construction of the bund. The matter was also taken up formally with the Government of Bangladesh in May, 1994. The Government of Bangladesh has clarified that the short circuiting of the loop in the river Dharla would in no way adversely affect the Indian territory or the inhabitants thereof. Site inspection by relevant authorities of our Ministry of Water Resources on 8th June, 1994 also did not reveal occurrence of any adverse impact in our territory. The Ministry of Water Resources have also not received any report from Government of West Bengal regarding any adverse impact in the State due to Bund.

Research proposals lying unattended due to financial crisis

1391. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the research works under different universities of the country are currently facing difficulties due to non-availability of funds from the University Grants Commission; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b). UGC provides requisite financial assistance to various Universities and Colleges for execution of research projects in various subjects & disciplines. It is, however, not always possible to accommodate all proposals due to financial constraints.