

cities is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha, when received.

(b) and (c). The Government of Mysore have approached for financial assistance from the Central Government for augmenting water supply of Bangalore Corporation by bringing water from Cauvery river. Their request is under consideration.

Survey of Chenab Basin

590. { Shri Abdul Ghani Goni:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey of Chenab Basin by the Central Water and Power Commission has been completed;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost; and

(c) when the work is likely to be started?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) Reconnaissance Surveys by the Central Water and Power Commission have been completed. Detailed surveys are being taken up by the Commission.

(b) and (c) These will be known only after detailed investigations have been carried out.

Salal Hydro Electric Project in Jammu and Kashmir

591. { Shri Abdul Ghani Goni:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether survey on Salal Hydro Electric Project in Jammu and Kashmir State is completed;

(b) when the work is expected to be started;

(c) the total amount expected to be spent; and

(d) power potential of the said project?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) No.

(b) to (d). These details will be known only after the surveys have been completed.

Malaria Eradication in West Bengal

592. Shri Ravindra Varma: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 24 jeeps gifted by the UNICEF for use in the National Malaria Eradication Programme and work in West Bengal are still lying unused in the Central Medical Stores godowns; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in distributing these vehicles for use?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayyar): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Bronchitis

593. Dr. L. M. Singhvi: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the present state of medical science it is possible to indicate the causes of chronic bronchitis; and

(b) whether bronchitis is linked with smoking according to medical experts?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayyar): (a) There are many causes of chronic bronchitis, such as bacterial infections, air-pollution, and as a complication of some respiratory diseases.

(b) According to the information now available, there is reason to believe that excessive smoking may be a contributory factor in the development of chronic bronchitis.