

ments of Bihar and West Bengal had come to the conclusion that it would be pre-mature to recommend construction of the Dam at Balpahari. Construction of new dams can be considered when there is a consensus among the concerned States of the need for the same.

**Psychology Department of Utkal University as an advance study centre**

5832. SHRIMATI JAYNATI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Psychology Department in Utkal University in Orissa has been recognised as an advance centre by the University Grants Commission ;

(b) if so, the extent of financial assistance provided to that Advance Study Centre so far ;

(c) whether Government proposed to further upgrade that study centre ;

(d) if so, the details of the proposal ; and

(e) the steps taken by University Grants Commission thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since its recognition in 1980, the Commission has sanctioned the following assistance to the Centre till 1984-85 :—

(1) Posts of 3 Readers, 3 Lecturers, 4 Research Associates and 1 Lab. Technician.

(2) 4 Senior Research Fellowships, 4 Junior Research Fellowships, 6 Teacher Fellowships and 8 National Scholarships.

(3) A recurring grant of Rs. 1,30,000 per annum for administrative and technical staff, books, field work, Publication, etc.

(4) A non-recurring grant of Rs. 7,05,000.

(c) No, Sir. A Centre of Advanced Study is the highest level of recognition accorded by UGC.

(d) and (e) Do not arise. However, the Commission had decided to sanction

further grants of Rs. 4,01,641 and 2 more Junior Research Fellowships in 1985-86 for inclusion of Experimental Psychology as a new thrust area in the activities of the Centre.

**Fatwa-Mokameh Tal Area Development Scheme**

5833. SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the salient features of Fatwa-Mokameh Tal Area Development Scheme ; and

(b) amount spent on the said scheme so far and what progress has been made in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No such scheme has yet been received from the Government of Bihar.

(b) Question does not arise.

**Cases of AIDS Disease Detected**

5834. SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be please to state :

(a) whether some cases of AIDS disease have been detected in the country ; and

(b) if so, what measures Government are taking to prevent its spread ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) No reported case of AIDS Disease in the country, has come to the notice of the Government. However, a surveillance on the disease is being kept in the country. The Directors of Health Services in the States, the Incharges of STD Clinics, State Health Education Bureaux and the Blood Banks in the country have been alerted time and again to keep in mind the signs and symptoms of the disease and report such cases when such suspected cases occur. With a view to arousing public awareness, especially high risk groups like homosexuals and blood donors, the State