

establishing a chain of peripheral level hospitals around Delhi and by effecting system-improvements in the existing government hospitals.

Flood control scheme under implementation

743. SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the particulars of flood control schemes, under implementation/approved but yet to be implemented and under investigation/consideration relating to the region lying between the Kosi and the Teesta, dominated by the Mahanadi and its tributaries;

(b) the estimated cost of the approved schemes;

(c) the time schedule for completion of such schemes; and

(d) the amount allotted for the purpose in the Seventh Plan?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Apart from a number of smaller schemes, the Mahananda Flood Control embankment (latest estimated cost Rs. 22.35 crores) and Anti-erosion works in Mahananda Embankment (latest estimated cost—Rs. 20.00 crores), are under implementation. The Upper Mahananda Embankment Scheme and the Parman River Embankment Scheme are under consideration.

(c) and (d) The State has provided Rs. 1.00 crore and Rs. 10.00 crores in the Seventh Plan for these schemes. They are likely to be completed in the Eighth Plan.

Annual allocation for medicines in a Primary Health Centre or a Sub-Centre

744. SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the annual allocation for medicines

in a Primary Health Centre or a Sub-Centre under the Centre in the rural areas;

(b) whether the allocation varies from State to State;

(c) whether the Union Government has laid down any norms; and

(d) whether the current allocation is considered or found to be adequate to meet the demand generated by the population covered by a Centre or Sub-Centre?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) The following funds are provided per year for purchase of medicines. General medicine :

Rs. 12,000 per annum per PHC under Minimum Needs Programme provided by the States.

Rs. 6000/- under the Health Guides Scheme (provided by Central Government).

This does not include the cost of specific medicines for diseases like leprosy, tuberculosis, malaria, anaemia, Vitamin A deficiency and vaccines for diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and polio. Government of India provides medicines for these diseases also to the States & UTs according to their requirements. Besides, this does not include the cost of medicines required for sterilisation operations and IUD acceptors. In addition, Rs. 2,000/- per annum is provided to each sub-centre.

(b) Yes, Sir. The amount varies in respect of the States of Kerala and Tamil Nadu which are implementing the Health Guide Scheme. Besides, States can provide more funds than the minimum laid down.

(c) Yes, Sir. The above provision of medicines is as per norms laid down for PACs and sub-centres.

(d) The question of adequacy of funds