

ing one doctor for every 3000|3500 population at the end of the Fourth Plan period. The Committee have opined that if this target could be reached in the rural areas and if doctors are not unduly concentrated in the urban areas, medical relief would have been brought reasonably near to all sectors of the population.

Medical Colleges

1431. Shrimati Vimla Devi: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether there is any scheme for granting monetary awards to selected best students of medical colleges in the country as an incentive to students to become better doctors?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): With a view to having better doctors in the country, a scheme for Post-graduate Medical (including Dental) Education has been included as a Centrally sponsored scheme. The Scheme *inter alia* envisages payment of stipends @ Rs. 200 p.m. to selected candidates on merit as follows:—

- (i) Students admitted to Up-graded Departments in Medical Colleges and Research institutions in the country;
- (ii) Students admitted for Post-graduate training in Medicine, Surgery, Pathology, Mid-wifery, Anatomy, Physiology, Pharmacology, Bacteriology, Biochemistry, Tuberculosis Diseases, Anaesthesia and Child Health in Government Hospitals in Delhi, viz. the Irwin, the Willingdon and the Safdarjang Hospitals, and the Lady Hardinge Medical College Hospital, New Delhi and also in the Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi; the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, and the Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute, Delhi.
- (iii) 300 additional stipends have been sanctioned for Post-

graduate Medical and Dental Education in various medical institutions in the country with effect from the 1st April, 1961.

2. Scholarships are also awarded to female candidates for medical education out of the income derived from the Countess of Dufferin's Fund as follows:—

- (i) 12 scholarships @ Rs. 150 p.m. for Post-graduate Medical students; and
- (ii) 75 scholarships @ Rs. 75 p.m. for Under-graduate Medical students.

3. The National Scholarships Scheme of the Ministry of Education also envisages payment of stipends to meritorious medical students.

4. In addition, merit scholarships are also being awarded to selected students in almost all medical colleges in the country.

Nagarjunasagar Project

1432. Shri Laxmi Dass: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the estimated cost of the Nagarjunasagar Project has risen high as a result of the general rise in prices; and

(b) if so, by how much?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) The Andhra Pradesh Government have submitted a revised estimate of the Nagarjunasagar Project which envisages an increase in the cost not only because of the rise in prices but also because of changes in the scope of the project.

(b) The revised estimate amounts to Rs. 139.53 crores as against the present sanctioned estimate of Rs. 91.12 crores i.e. an increase of Rs. 48.41 crores.