

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) No such representation has so far been received by the Government of India. However, the Government of Kerala have received a representation from the settlers of the Leprosy Rehabilitation centre, Palliekal.

(b) The representation contains the following demands:—

- (i) Supply of good seeds for cultivation of their lands.
- (ii) Continuation of a subsistence allowance of Rs. 30.00 per head per month till they become self supporting.
- (iii) Increase in rationed food-stuffs
- (iv) Supply of drinking water in the vicinity of their lands.
- (v) Provision for lighting arrangements.
- (vi) Establishment of dispensary for the treatment of ex-leprosy patients of the centre.
- (vii) Appointment of Dhobis, Barbers, Dressers and Injectors as regular workers of the centre.
- (viii) Construction of small sheds in their plots.
- (ix) Starting of small scale industries for the benefit of the members of the centre.
- (x) Arrangements for Health Education and Publicity in surrounding areas to remove prevailing prejudices against the disease of leprosy.

(c) Some of the grievances have been redressed by the State Government and the rest are being looked into by them.

Periyar River Valley Project

2699. Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Warior:

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

(a) whether the Periyar River Valley Project in Kerala is ready for commissioning;

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(b) if so, how much land will be benefited by this; and

(c) the actual cost of this project?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed): (a) and (b). The new Project has been commissioned partly benefiting 8000 acres. It will be fully commissioned in 1971 benefiting 63,300 acres.

(c) The Project is estimated to cost Rs. 640 lakhs.

Ernakulam Hospital

2700. Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Warior:

Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether the District Development Council, Ernakulam, Kerala State has recommended that the district hospital should be upgraded into a General Hospital; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) No such recommendation has been received by the State Government.

(b) The question does not arise.

Drinking Water Supply Schemes in Coastal Areas

2701. Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Warior:

Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government have submitted any additional schemes other than those which have been implemented for the supply of fresh drinking water in the coastal areas and Kuttanad taluk;

(b) if so, what are main proposals: and

(c) whether Government have given clearance for those schemes?