

approved irrigation projects, namely, Periyar Valley, Pamba, Chitturpuzha, Kuttiadi, Kamhirapuzha, Pazhassi, Kallada, Muvatupuzha, Chitimoni and Karapuzha and Vamanapuram are under construction and are scheduled for completion in the Eighth Plan. In addition, 6 other irrigation projects, which have not received the approval of the Central Government are also reported to be under construction.

#### **Management and Development of Water Resources in the Country**

1399. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total demand for water in the country for agricultural purposes;

(b) the details of steps Government propose to take for the management and development of water resources in the country; and

(c) the likely provision made in this regard in the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) The annual requirement of water in the country for irrigation purposes has been assessed as 63 million ha. metre and 77 million ha. metre for 2000 A.D. and 2025 A.D. respectively.

(b) For the proper development and management of water resources, speedy completion of the Major and Medium and Minor irrigation projects alongwith storages required for them, increased use of ground water, conjunctive use of water in the command areas, popularisation of the measures for prevention of evaporation losses and training of farmers in scientific and systematic use of irrigation water is proposed.

(c) The provision for VIII Five Year Plan has not been finalised.

#### **Treatment of Leprosy Patients in Orissa**

1400. SHRI GOPINATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of leprosy patients are living in Orissa;

(b) if so, what is the exact number of leprosy patients living in Orissa;

(c) whether they are mostly seen in the big cities and pilgrim places like Puri, Konark, etc; and

(c) the steps taken for their proper treatment and rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b). The entire State is endemic for leprosy with a total number of 1,86,068 cases on record in Orissa as on December, 89.

(c) and (d). There is no evidence to show that the leprosy patients are mostly seen in the big cities or pilgrim places. But of 13 districts in the State, 9 districts have been covered under Multi Drug Therapy.

Two leprosy rehabilitation promotion units have been established in the State at Puri and Olatpur (Bhubaneshwar) which provide facilities for reconstructive surgery and vocational training. Under the Ministry of Welfare there is a scheme titled "Assistance to Organisations for the disabled persons" which gives grants-in-aid to organisations engaged in providing education, training for rehabilitation for the leprosy cured persons. Hind Kusth Nivaran Sangh (Bhubaneshwar) is one such Organisation which receives grant-in-aid under the above scheme.