

Central aid for Maharashtra

573. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of the Central assistance given to Maharashtra for utilising the irrigation potential available in the State during the last three years and what are the achievements in terms of percentage during that period;

(b) whether the Maharashtra Government have submitted any report regarding the utilization of the Central aid to the Central Government in this regard; and

(c) whether the Central Government have appointed any Committee or authori-

ty for the appraisal of the utilization of the Central assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Irrigation is a State subject and the irrigation schemes are funded and implemented by the State Governments within their own priority of development. Central assistance is given in the form of block-loans and block-grants and is not tied to any project or sector of development. However, central assistance is released to the State Governments under the Command Area Development Programme. The details of the amounts released to the State Government of Maharashtra during the last three years and the achievements are as under:

| Sl. No. | Year | Central Assistance (Rs. in lakhs) | | | | Achievement ('000 ha.) | | |
|---------|---------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|--------|------------------------|-------------|------------|
| | | Grant | Loans | Special Loan Assistance | Total | Target | Achievement | Percentage |
| 1 | 1981-82 | 224.76 | 41.78 | 50.5 | 317.04 | 72.0 | 17.30 | 24.0 |
| 2 | 1982-83 | 451.63 | 7.68 | 40.0 | 499.31 | 80.0 | 41.48 | 51.8 |
| 3 | 1983-84 | 484.72 | 55.34 | 50.0 | 590.06 | 60.0 | 46.90 | 78.1 |

(b) Before releasing the Central Assistance for the year certified statement of expenditure for the previous year and audited statement of expenditures for the previous years are called for.

(c) No such Committee has been appointed by the Central Government.

Workshop held by Medical Council of India

574. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Medical Council of India, New Delhi held a workshop financed by the World Health Organisation in Delhi in May-June, 1982 under the chairmanship of Dr. Y. P. Rud-dappa;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount received by the Medical Council of India for the workshop; and

(c) the details of the amount spent under various heads?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes. The Medical Council of India organised a "National Workshop on Medical Education and Training" for group educational activities from 26th to 29th May, 1982 in collaboration with World Health Organisation. Dr. Y. P. Ruddappa was appointed as Project Consultant.

(b) and (c) The Medical Council has reported that an amount of Rs. 1.30 lakhs only was received by the Council from W.H.O. for the purpose and expenditure incurred is as under: