

sperm, egg as well as tissue banks, and genotyping endangered species, with the ultimate objective of their conservation. Therefore, I request the Government to extend full financial support to the project so that the objectives of the project could be achieved, as early as possible.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Today, we are discussing the Biological Diversity Bill. That is also almost the same thing. Dr. Alladi P. Rajkumar.

Central Grant for Indo-American Cancer Institute, Hyderabad

DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR (Andhra Pradesh): Thank you, Madam. The Indo-American Cancer Institute and Research Centre was established in Hyderabad; it was inaugurated by the Prime Minister, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, on 26.6.2000. It was established from out of donations from individuals in India and abroad. The main objectives of the Institute are: prevention and early detection of cancer, providing advanced methods of treatment, establishment of a centre of learning and bio-medical specialties from India and abroad. The Board of Trustees had submitted, on 1.9.2002, a proposal, requesting for a grant of Rs.3.67 crores for establishing a Nuclear Medicine Unit in the Institute, and an annual grant of Rs.10 lakhs towards conducting free cancer screening programme. Further, I request that an amount of Rs.83 lakhs may be sanctioned for procuring the necessary equipment.

The Andhra Pradesh Government has already submitted a detailed proposal in this regard. I urge upon the Government to sympathetically consider the proposal and sanction the required amount at an early date.

DR. V. MAITREYAN (Tamil Nadu) : Madam, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by Dr. Alladi P. Rajkumar.

SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by Dr. Alladi P. Rajkumar.

Demand for Allocation of Funds for Rajasthan's Indira Gandhi Canal Project.

श्रीमती जमना देवी बारुपाल (राजस्थान): आदरणीय उपसभापति महोदया, मैं आपके माध्यम से केन्द्रीय सरकार का ध्यान इंदिरा गांधी नहर परियोजना जो कि राजस्थान में सिंचाई परियोजनाओं में सबसे बड़ी एवं महत्वपूर्ण योजना है को अतिरिक्त धनराशि आवंटित करने की ओर दिलाना चाहती हूँ।

इंदिरा गांधी नहर परियोजना जो कि 1958 में शुरू हुई थी, इसके पूर्ण होने पर बीस लाख हेक्टेयर भूमि को सिंचाई हेतु पानी उपलब्ध हो सकेगा। इस परियोजना के पूरा होने पर