

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) and (b) Jammu and Kashmir faces power shortage during winter months when their hydel generation reduces. The Government is making all efforts to complete Dulhasti Hydro-electric Project according to schedule. Target dates are fixed based on the technical considerations, availability of various inputs including funds. Hence, commissioning of project ahead of target date would not depend only on provision of more funds.

No investment decision has yet been taken regarding Uri Hydro-electric Project.

Dharna By professional Blood Donors at Delhi

5054. SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE : will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE : be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was a Dharna by professional blood donors at Delhi;

(b) if so, what were their demands ; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to solve their grievances ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA :

(a) As per press report Professional donors staged dharna at New Delhi on 8th April, 1985.

(b) Their demands were ;

(a) more payment for blood;

(b) more hygienic conditions for taking and storing blood.

(c) (i) Government desire to encourage voluntary blood collection and to depend less and less on professional blood donation. In view of this the question of more payment or fixing of price to one unit of professional blood etc., does not arise.

(ii) All blood banks are regulated as per provisions of Drug and Cosmetics Act by

the Delhi Administration ; Drug Control organisation of Delhi Administration carries out inspections to verify the physical facilities available in the blood banks.

Allotment of Book-Stall at New Delhi Railway Station

5055. SHRI MOHD. MEHFOOZ ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the bookstall contract of M/s. Gulab Singh & Sons on expiry of the tenure on 31. 12. 84 has been terminated/ not renewed due to their unsatisfactory performance ;

(b) if so, whether the bookstalls, countertables and trolleys held by M/s. Gulab Singh and Sons at New Delhi Railway Station have since been allotted afresh to the eligible existing partnership of unemployed graduates at this station as required under the extant policy of Government; and

(c) if not, by what time Government propose to finalise re-allotment of the same to bring an end to the prolonged suspension of the due action and thereby improve the service to the travelling public ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Fresh allotment under extant rules is being processed and is expected to be finalised by 11. 5. 1985.

Faulty Pillar Light in Shalimar Bagh

5056. PROF. M. R. HALDER : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the newly developed colony Shalimar Bagh in West Delhi remains totally dark during the night as pillar lights are generally not in working order, especially in Pocket T of Block 'B' ;

(b) whether many complaints in this regard by the residents did not yield any result ;

(c) if so, reasons thereof ; and

(d) what remedial measures are being contemplated and the time by which this situation is likely to improve ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (d) Street lighting in the area is regularly monitored and the arrangement in Shalimar Bagh, including Pocket T of Block B, are quite satisfactory at present. Complaints are also being attended promptly.

Problems of Schools Using Computers as a Teaching aid

5057. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the schools using computers as a teaching aid are confronting serious problem due to non-availability of right kind of software ;

(b) if so, the number of Schools from where such complaints have been received ; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to remove such difficulties ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Under the pilot project for introducing Computer Literacy and studies in 250 Higher Secondary Schools (CLASS) all over India, twenty software packages were selected by an expert committee. These packages have been distributed to the schools. These schools have had no serious problem in the availability of software.

Several unaided private schools have also independently introduced computer Studies. The Government is not aware of the nature of software being used by them.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Role of translation in the Present Era

5058. SHRIMATI USHA CHOUDHARI :
SHRIMATI MADHURI SINGH :
SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether recently a seminar on the "Role of translation in the present era" was organised ; and

(b) if so, the suggestions made in the seminar and the Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Yes, Sir. A seminar on the "Role of Translation in the Present Era" was organised by the National Book Trust (India) in New Delhi on 30th and 31st March, 1985.

(b) The seminar made a number of suggestions. These pertain, among other things, to the status of translators, preparation of a National register of translators, setting up of a Central Copyright Clearance Agency and a mechanism for selection of books for translation in Indian languages and their publication, establishment of a national institute of translation and interpretation, organisation of seminars, workshops and refresher courses and preparation of aids such as dictionaries and glossaries for translators. The suggestions are being examined by the National Book Trust. In so far as the Government's reaction is concerned, this will be possible only after the Trust has examined the various suggestions and sent their views to the Government.

Promotion of Regional Languages

5059. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to give due place to regional languages ;

(b) if so, the funds earmarked for the promotion of regional languages in 1985-86 ; and