

Location of Super Thermal Power Plant in Uttar Pradesh

1888. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had identified some location of Super Thermal Power Station in Uttar Pradesh during the Sixth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and estimated cost ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated cost of Singrauli super thermal power project (3×200 MW+2×200 MW+2×500 MW) is about Rs. 1120 crores. The estimated cost of Rihand super thermal power project (Stage I, 2×500 MW) is about Rs. 1364 crores. At Singrauli, the five 200 MW units have already been commissioned by National Thermal Power Corporation.

Conversion of Purulia-Kotshila Line Into B.G. Line

1889. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways Board has forwarded to the Planning Commission the project for conversion of Purulia-Kotshila narrow gauge line into broad gauge; and

(b) if so, whether the project has been approved by the Planning Commission ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Steps to Eradicate Filariasis

1890. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the steps taken by the Government to eradicate filariasis proved ineffective; and

(b) if so, the detailed steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). The National Filariasis Control Programme is under operation in selected areas; in such areas, the control measures have shown a reduction in the prevalence rate of the disease. Anti-larval operations in the endemic States have been intensified. It is proposed to extend the control activities in more areas, including rural areas in the VII Five Year Plan.

[Translation]

Committee to Review the Working of Universities

1891. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to constitute a Committee to review the working of universities;

(b) if so, the time by which this Committee will be set up;

(c) if not, how working of universities is proposed to be reviewed;

(d) the terms of reference of the Committee if appointed; and

(e) the time by which the committee will submit its Report ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) The UGC