

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

had appointed a Committee in 1982 to review the functioning of the 7 Central Universities. The report of this Committee was received by the Government in January, 1984. This report has also been circulated to all State Governments and Universities. There is no proposal at present to appoint a similar Committee to review the working of State Universities.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A Conference of Vice-Chancellors held in May, 1984 had suggested that the UGC should set up a standing panel to continuously review the working of the universities. The UGC has not yet taken a final decision on this recommendation.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

[English]

Power shortage in Jammu

1892. SHRI JANAK RAJ GUPTA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Agricultural and Industrial production is suffering because of the shortage of electricity in Jammu province of Jammu and Kashmir State;

(b) if so, whether Union Government have contemplated any scheme to finance the installation of a Thermal Power House in Jammu keeping in view the difficulties faced by the industrialists and farmers; and

(c) if so, when and if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c). To meet the industrial, agriculture and other power requirements of Jammu & Kashmir to the extent possible, especially during the winter months, assistance is provided from the Bhakra and Baira Siul projects and from the Central thermal stations at Singrauli and Badarpur. While there

is no proposal to Centrally finance the installation of a thermal station, hydel projects with a total capacity of about 76 MW are under implementation in the State. The power supply situation in J & K is expected to improve further with the commissioning of the Salal and Dulhasti hydro-electric projects.

Travelling on the roofs of trains in Bihar and West Bengal

1893. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the practice of travelling on the roofs of trains is still prevailing in Bihar and West Bengal ; and

(b) if so, what effective steps the Railways are taking to prevent this type of travel ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) It has come to the notice of the Railway Administration that on certain sections in the Eastern Region passengers resort to roof top travelling particularly on occasions when there is extraordinary rush of traffic on account of festivals, seasonal movement of labourers etc.

(b) The following measures are taken to prevent and discourage travelling on roofs of trains :

- (i) Notices and posters are exhibited and announcements made through public address system at important Railway stations highlighting the dangers of roof top travelling.
- (ii) Ticket Checking and other staff are instructed to prevent passengers from travelling on roofs and make them get down before the departure of trains.
- (iii) Raids and checks are conducted with the help of Railway Protection Force/Government Railway Police to prevent roof travelling and offenders are prosecuted.