

to 9 educationally backward States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal for expenditure on Non-Formal Education during 1984-85 which included expenditure on 1.62 lakh centres with an estimated coverage of 34 lakhs children.

(b) Central assistance is provided to 9 educationally backward States for implementation of the scheme including opening of centres, on a 50:50 sharing basis and for opening centres exclusively for girls on a 90:10 sharing basis.

(c) (i) In addition to the grants to the States, voluntary organization in these States are given assistance on 100% basis for opening non-formal education centres.

(ii) Voluntary organizations running academic institutions and/or engaged in educational research as well as Government agencies engaged in such programmes in any part of the country are given assistance on 100% basis for experimental/innovative projects on Non-Formal Education;

(iii) Awards are given to educationally backward States for excellence of performance in enrolment of girls under Non-Formal Education.

(iv) Commodity assistance in the form of paper was given to most of the States and Union Territories for production of teaching-learning materials for use in non-formal education.

New Rail Lines and Conversion of Lines in Tamil Nadu

5943. SHRI M. MAHALINGAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State :

(a) whether there is any proposal to lay new rail lines and to convert the metre gauge lines into broad gauge in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount allocated towards the above schemes during Seventh Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Project is approved and is in different sections for a B.G. line from Karur to Dindigul, a parallel B.G. line from Dindigul to Madurai, conversion of MG line from Madurai to Maniachi and a parallel B.G. line from Tirunelveli to Tuticorin. Of this, the parallel B.G. line from Tirunelveli to Millivattan has recently been completed as a siding.

(c) Amount allocated for this project is not known as the Seventh Plan is still under finalisation.

Representation for Admission to SR. Navyug Schools of N.D.M.C.

5944. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the parents of the children reading in the Junior Navyug Schools of New Delhi Municipal Committee, have approached the Government for admission of their children in Senior Navyug Schools on the pattern of Kendriya Schools after their passing Junior School stage;

(b) Whether Government are aware that children of Junior Schools are facing difficulties in getting admission in senior schools for the last so many years due to lack of seats and other factors;

(c) Whether Government propose to open Senior Schools or upgrade the Junior Schools to provide admission facilities to students studying in Junior Schools;

(d) Whether Government propose to open Junior as well as Senior Navyug Schools in New Delhi as well as in Old Delhi, as this facilities is limited at present to New Delhi only; and