

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) to (c) In a one-day national level meeting on 'Educational Needs and Trends Related to School Design' organised by NCERT, on 23rd March, 1985, the construction of low-cost school buildings was one of the proposals considered by the National Group. However, no concrete recommendation emerged.

**Plans to Develop High Tension
Transmission**

3542. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are plans to develop 400 KV and other high tension transmission systems to distribute power with increased efficiency;

(b) if so, any foreign assistance will be utilised in this respect; and

(c) if so, the details thereof with the expected saving in transmission losses and cost benefit analysis of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (c) Yes Sir. 400 KV transmission systems are already under construction and High Voltage Direct Current technology is being introduced for the first time in the country. High Voltage Direct Current back-to-back link between Vindhyachal and Singrauli is being commissioned with assistance from Sweden. Transmission of power at higher voltage results in lower losses, which also depends on distance of transmission and other design parameters.

[Translation]

Affects of Kamla River Dam in Nepal

3543. SHRI ABDUL HANNAN ANSARI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nepal have constructed a dam at Mirchiya on Kamla river which flows through Nepal to Madhubani district in Bihar;

(b) whether it is also a fact that all the gates of the dam are opened during rainy season and closed thereafter as a result of which no water flows into that river and the irrigation projects are affected; and

(c) if so, what remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) The HMG Nepal have constructed a Barrage on the river Kamla in their territory upstream of the Jayanagar Barrage in Bihar as a result of which availability of supplies for existing irrigation from Jayanagar barrage in Bihar has been considerably reduced. HMG Nepal has been apprised of the problems that the barrage is creating in India. Further, it has been suggested to HMG Nepal to consider the possibility of an upstream storage dam to meet the water requirements of both the countries.

[English]

**Connecting Suburban Railway of Sealdah
Division with Circular Railway from
Dumdum**

3544. SHRI ASUTOSH LAW : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to connect suburban railway of Sealdah Division, Eastern Railway directly with Circular Railway from Dumdum;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Dum Dum Station being a common station between Suburban Railway of Sealdah, Division, Eastern Railway and the proposed Calcutta Circular Railway, will, therefore, connect two systems.

(c) Does not arise.