

employees and irrespective of the date of their retirement. Necessary instructions in this regard have been issued.

Opening of an Institute of I. I. T. Standard in Bihar

3571. SHRI C.P. THAKUR : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is not a single post-graduate institute in Bihar sponsored by the Union Government; and

(b) whether Government are considering a proposal to start an institute of the Standard of Indian Institute of Technology for electronics, computer and bio-technology ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) No, Sir. There are seven such institutions

(b) No, Sir.

Compulsory Immunization Against Polio Whooping Cough and Tetanus

3572. SHRI C P THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: the steps Government propose to take to provide compulsory immunisation against polio, whooping cough, tetanus etc. to all children in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : During the Seventh Five Year Plan, it is proposed to expand the immunization services so as to reach a level of universal coverage by the year 1989-90. Vaccination services are provided free of cost, but these are not compulsory. The educational and motivational effects will be intensified to inform the public of the advantages of immunization.

Repair of Sone Canal

3573. SHRI C P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Sone Canal is more than 50 years old without any

repair so far and as a result of which there is a lot of wastage of water due to breaches;

(b) whether the State Government of Bihar has approached the Union Government for financial help for this scheme;

(c) whether a vast area of land has been deprived of Sone water after the construction of Patna Protection Bund;

(d) whether a small tributary from Sone Canal will greatly help these farms and a scheme is also lying with the Union Government in this regard; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The Sone Low Level Canal System is more than 100 years old, and needs modernisation for its efficient functioning.

(b) In consultation with the State, the scheme has been proposed for World Bank assistance

(c) to (e) Patna Protection Bund was constructed to protect the flood affected area from inundation. The State Government has not reported if any area has been deprived of Sone Canal water due to construction of this bund. The State Government has also not sent any proposal for a distributary from Sone Canal to serve the said area.

Shifting of N. T. P. C. Office from Patna

3574. SHRI C. P. THAKUR : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that head office of the National Thermal Power Corporation is being shifted from Patna to Delhi; and

(b) if so, whether it will be a great blow to economic development of the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) and (b) The head