

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

office of National Thermal Power Corporation is in New Delhi. There is no proposal to shift the regional office of National Thermal Power Corporation from Patna to Delhi.

Allotment of Printing Paper to States

3575. SHRI SURESH KURUP : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state : -

(a) the quota of paper allotment to various State Governments for printing text books;

(b) whether the quota of Kerala has already been sanctioned; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) For 1985-86 the allotment of paper for the first quarter i.e. April-June '85 has become due. For this quarter an allotment of 17099 MT of white printing concessional paper to States has been made, amongst others, for school text Books.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Clinical findings about People affected by Bhopal Gas Tragedy

3576. SHRI SURESH KURUP : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the major clinical findings obtained about the people affected by the Bhopal gas tragedy; and

(b) what are the principal cases of death ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) According to the information received from Government of Madhya Pradesh the major clinical findings in the MIC affected population have been breathlessness, feeling of suffocation, damage to bronchi and lungs, irritation of eyes. In some cases pulmonary Oedema was also observed.

(b) The deaths were due to poisoning as a result of inhalation of irrespirable gases resulting in histotoxic anoxia/Hypoxia.

Tests About long term Effects on People of Bhopal due to Gas Tragedy

3577. SHRI SURESH KURUP : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the results obtained till now regarding test conducted to ascertain delayed and long term effects on people affected by gas tragedy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : According to the information received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh, about 10 per cent of the affected population continues to suffer from respiratory problems. Eye problems have mostly been cured. There is no case of blindness, some cases have partial impairment of vision due to previous background of eye troubles. No increased incidence of abortions, still births, foetal abnormalities, low birth weight of new born infants has been reported.

Amount utilised for Programmes of Education

3578. SHRI SURESH KURUP : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state the amount utilised for the programmes of education for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and other backward classes in the year 1984-85?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : A statement indicating the grants released to State Governments of during 1984-85 in respect of certain priority sectors like Non-Formal Education, Adult Education and Scholarships, largely covering Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other backward classes is attached. Priority is given to the needs of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other weaker sections of the society in all educational programmes. However, as Government accounts are maintained Sub-Read-wise and Scheme-wise only, expenditure on Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other backward classes is not separately classified.