

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) A Working Group set up by the National Council of Educational Research & Training in 1983 to study the curriculum load at the school level, recommended to the NCERT that there is an urgent need to formulate a national core curriculum applicable to all the schools in the country. However, the NCERT have not made any such recommendation to the Government.

(b), to (e) : Does not arise.

Diesel Railway Workshop in Trivandrum Railways Division

1338. **SHRI A. CHARLES :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to start a Diesel Railway Workshop in Trivandrum District in the Trivandrum Railways Division of Kerala State; and

(b) if so, whether urgent steps will be taken to commence the work in 1985 ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) and (b). Presumably the Hon'ble member is referring to the work of construction of a Diesel Loco Shed at Ernakulam, in Trivandrum Division. The work appears in the Railway Budget 1985-86 at a cost of Rs. 1.88 Crores on which the expected expenditure upto the end of 1984-85 is Rs 1.63 Crores and an outlay of Rs. 0.25 crore has been provided during 85-86. The work is expected to be completed during 1985-86.

[Translation]

Resolutions Passed in Meetings of Hindi Advisory Committee

1339. **SHRI KRISHAN PRATAP SINGH :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of meetings of Hindi Advisory Committee of the Ministry held during 1984;

(b) the resolutions passed in these meetings; and

(c) the details regarding implementation of these resolutions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDERA MAKWANA) : (a) Three.

(b) and (c). A Statement is laid on the table of the House. (Placed in Library. see No LT—714/85).

[English]

Talcher Thermal Power Plant

1340. **SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether steps have been taken for establishing the Super Thermal Power Plant at Ib valley near Talcher in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) & (b). National Thermal Power Corporation has submitted a feasibility report for establishing the Talcher super Thermal Power Project. The Central Electricity Authority has accorded techno-economic approval to the installation of 2×500 MW units in Stage I of the Project at an estimated cost of Rs. 955 crores.

Gaya-Hazari Bagh Rail Link

1341. **SHRI Y. P. YOGESH :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal to introduce rail link between Gaya and Hazari Bagh via Chatra is under consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) quantum of expenditure required for the project and the proposed date for launching and complete the project ?