

Upgrading of Trivandrum Unit of Central Water Board

7504. SHRI A. CHARLES : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a decision was taken by the Ministry in May 1984 for upgrading the Trivandrum Unit Office of the Central Ground Water into a Directorate ; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in implementing the above decision ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Dieselisation of Amaravathi Express

7505. SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA MURTY : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal for dieselisation of Amaravathi Express between Guntur and Guntakal so that extra coaches may be attached to ease congestion in the train ; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) and (b) Due to scarcity of diesel locomotives, which are primarily required for haulage of freight traffic, there is no proposal to dieselise this train for the present.

Financial Allocations for Buildings of Institute of Buddhist Studies in Leh, Ladakh

7506. SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount earmarked for the construction of the buildings of the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Leh, Ladakh and amount earmarked during the year 1985-86 and 1986-87 for the said purpose ;

(b) reasons for non starting the construction works so far ; and

(c) when the construction works will be taken in hand and when the buildings are likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI : (a) A sum of upto Rs. one and a half crore has been provided in the 7th Five Year Plan. During the year 1985-86, Rs. 25.00 lakhs was earmarked for the construction of the Institute building. Out of this, an amount of Rs 22.00 lakhs has been carried forward to the year 1986-87. Additional funds would be provided, if necessary, out of the current year's budget.

(b) and (c) There are certain formalities to be completed by the Institute in consultation with the Central Public Works Department and the Border Roads Organisation before the construction work can be started.

Electric Trolley Buses and Electric Vans in Delhi

7507. SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce electric trolley buses and electric vans for transport services in Delhi in the near future ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether any survey for introduction of the same has been conducted on the main routes of Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c) A Study Group has been set up to recommend alternative systems of urban transport which could be developed using the latest available transport technology and suitable to Indian conditions. The