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Triple Line from Bilaspur to Akaltara

4655. SHRI BHAWANI LAL VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a provision to lay triple railway-line from Bilaspur to Akaltara in the Railway Budget for the year 1992-93 and if so the details thereof;

(b) whether the work has started according to the provision and if so, the progress made in this regard till 31.12.92 and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether this triple railway-line is proposed to be extended from Akaltara onwards and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir. third line is being laid from Bilaspur to Akaltara (27 kms) at a cost of Rs. 35.91 crores

(b) Yes, Sir. Progress is 5% upto 31.12.92.

(c) No, Sir

Education for Neo-Literates of Maharashtra

4656. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra regarding continuing education for the neo-literate persons in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have ac-

corded approval to that proposal;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d). Under the Post Literacy and Contenting Education Programme financial assistance is being provided by the Government of India to all State Governments and Union Territories for setting up of Jana Shikshan Nilayams (JSNs) and for launching of Post Literacy Campaigns (after the conclusion of Total Literacy Campaigns). Financial assistance for running JSNs is being provided under Centrally Sponsored scheme of Post Literacy and Continuing Education on a cent percent basis according to a fixed pattern comprising of recurring grant of Rs. 7,000/- each JSN per year and non-recurring grant of Rs. 7,000/- each JSN for one time.

The Post Literacy Campaigns are being funded in the ratio of 2:1 to be shared between the Central Government and State government respectively. Funds are released to each State Govt. as per requirement based on their project proposal received from Zilla Sakshartha Samities. So far, 2213 JSNs have been sanctioned to the State of Maharashtra which are in operation and in addition Post Literacy Campaigns have also been approved as per the proposals received from Zilla Sakshartha Samitis of three districts, namely-Wardha, Nanded and Sindhudurg. No other proposal has been received by the Union Government from the Government of Maharashtra regarding continuing education for neo-literate persons in the State.

(e) Does not arise