

(a) the present position regarding supply of required water supply for the operation of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (V.S.P.) at optimum capacity;

(b) the time by which the expected water supply would reach from the Yeleru reservoir to the Steel Plant; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in building the Yeleru Project?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Required water supply for the commissioning of the Blast Furnace and operation of the Visakhapatnam Steel Project is not yet available.

(b) The State Government has so far not committed a confirmed date for supply of water from the Yeleru reservoir.

(c) The reasons for delay in completing the Project by the State Government include the following:—

- (i) Inordinate delay in completion of 2 Km. long tunnel which was critical right from the beginning;
- (ii) Slow progress of work by the contractors and State Government agencies executing the deep cut reaches of canal adjoining the tunnel;
- (iii) Delay by the State Government in finalising the agency for executing the cut and cover section of the Yeleru Canal.

[*Translation*]

**Scheme to make Banks of Ganges Beautiful and Useful at Patna**

394. DR. SHAILENDRA NATH SHRI-

VASTAVA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme to make the banks of Ganges beautiful, attractive and useful at Patna as a tourist centre is pending with Government; and

(b) if so, the outlines thereof and the time by which it is expected to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b). There is no scheme pending with the Central Department of Tourism for further development of the Ganges banks at Patna.

#### **Telecast of UGC's Programmes on Higher Education**

395. DR. SHAILENDRA NATH SHRI-VASTAVA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether while giving prior information about the University Grants Commission's Programmes on higher education of T.V. the subject matter of the programme is also intimated so that the viewers can see the programmes of their choice;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the action proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) the total number of programmes on higher education telecast during the last one year and the total number of such programmes telecast in Hindi?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Sufficient announcements giving summary of pro-