

becoming unusable because of large scale silt deposits ; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken for desiltation ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Periodic capacity surveys carried out on the Panchet Hill and Maithon Reservoirs of Damodar System indicated that the apparent rates of sedimentation in these two reservoirs are more than the rates assumed at the planning stage. However, the annual loss of storage capacity is less than 1% per year and the reservoirs are not becoming unserviceable.

(b) Desiltation is not considered practicable in the case of large reservoirs. Catchment treatment measures are being implemented in identified priority areas under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of River Valley Projects by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. About 28% of the priority area of Damodar Catchment received treatment upto 1982-83 under this scheme.

Creation of an All India Education Service

2636. **SHRI SUDHIR ROY :** Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to create an All India Education Service ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

National Waterway from Trivandrum to Kasargod

2637. **SHRI T. BASHEER :** Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Kerala have submitted a project for the construction of a National Waterway from Trivandrum to Kasargod ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) :

(a) No, Sir. However a scheme for improvement to West Coast Canal in the Quilon-Cochin section was received from the Govt. of Kerala.

(b) The scheme envisages development of the above section of the canal as National Waterway. For consideration of any waterway for being declared as national waterway it is essential to know the present status of the waterway and the extent of upgradation required in consistence with the type and quantum of traffic to be handled. The State Government were requested to carry out the hydrographic survey for collection of requisite data. They were informed that the cost of this scheme would be met from the plan provisions. The capacity of the Central Government to carry out hydrographic survey being very limited, it is not possible to take up such surveys on all the waterways identified for being considered for declaration as national waterways simultaneously. Moreover the 7th Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised.

Dhaulti-Ganga Hydel Project

2638. **SHRI HARISH RAWAT :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether approval has been accorded for conducting survey of phase-II of Dhaulti-Ganga (Uttar Pradesh) Hydel Project ; and

(b) if so, when and the time by which survey work is likely to be started there ?