

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 Hydrel 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) Hydrel Project ; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) and (b) The cost estimates for investigation of : Dhauli Ganga Hydro-electric Project Stage-II (Uttar Pradesh), prepared by National Hydro-electric Power Corporation are under examination by the Government of India. The survey work of this project would be started after these estimates are approved.

Survey for New Rail Lines

2639. SHRI HARISH RAWAT :
SHRI DAL CHANDER
JAIN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of new rail lines in respect of which there is a proposal to conduct survey work during 1985-86 in different States of the country ?

(b) whether it is proposed to conduct survey for laying some railway lines out of them, in hill areas of the country ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Surveys are in progress for 37 new lines in different states of the country.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Surveys for following new lines in hilly areas are in progress :—

1. Behampur-Bilaspur-Rampur
2. Jagadhri-Ponta Sahib-Rajban.
3. Tanakpur-Ghat Bageshwar.
4. Dimapur-Chumukedima.
5. Silchar-Makru.

6. Kumerghat-Agartala

7. Conversion of Madurai-Bodina-yakkanur and construction of B.G. line to Cochin.

[Translation]

New Rail Lines in Uttar Pradesh

2640. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Uttar Pradesh has requested the Ministry of Railways for laying certain new rail lines in the state :

(b) if so, the names of the new lines for which proposals have been received ; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Ministry in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) : Government of Uttar Pradesh in their Memorandum to Railway Convention Committee (1980) had suggested construction of a number of new lines viz Banda-Fatehpur, Achalda-Farrukhabad, Jarwal Bahraich, Katra-Ayodhya, Tanda-Basti and Chuanar to Dehri-on-sona.

Letters have also been received from chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh for taking up of new lines from Khurja to Palwal and Sahibabad to NOIDA.

(c) Work is in progress in Uttar Pradesh on new lines from Rampur to New Haldwani and Mathura to Alwar (Partly in Rajasthan).

Surveys are also in progress on new lines between Daurala and Hastinapur, Dhampur-Aliganj-Kalagarh, Shahjahanpur-Badaun and Khurja-Palwal. Further action will be taken on completion of these surveys.

Railways are facing severe constraint of resources and have heavy commit-