

priority should be given to completion of on-going projects which would start yielding benefits during the plan by funding them adequately. This point was emphasised to State Government's representatives and kept in view during the Working Group meetings held in the Planning Commission for recommending outlays for individual projects in the irrigation sector for individual projects in the irrigation sector for 1985-86 and for the Seventh Plan.

**Admission in Jawaharlal Nehru University**

2648. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Jawaharlal Nehru University (Central University) New Delhi is denying admissions to students who have passed examinations other than the 10+2+3 ; and

(b) if so, what steps Government plan to take to ensure that all students who complete 15 years of education and are otherwise qualified for post-graduation get admission Jawaharlal Nehru University to ensure the national character of the university ?

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

(b) In the case of the students from States and Union Territories which have not yet adopted the 10+2+3 pattern, provisions has been made that students who have successfully completed the first year Master's degree programme are eligible to appear in the admission test for M.A./M.Sc. (two-year) programmes. Similarly, students from States and Union Territories which have not adopted the 10+2 pattern of school education are eligible to appear in the admission test for the five-year integrated M.A. programmes if they have successfully completed the first-year of the Bachelor's degree examination. This provision will ensure that no

student from any State or Union Territory is denied the opportunity to join the J.N.U.

**Central University Status to Jamia Millia Islamia University**

2649. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have a proposal to give a status of Central University to Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in its implementation ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b) : At its meeting held on the 4th October, 1983 the Executive Council of the Jamia Millia Islamia decided to request the Ministry of Education and the University Grants Commission to grant statutory central university status to the Jamia. The proposal was considered by the University Grants Commission and it regretted its inability to accept the proposal to convert the Jamia, at present a deemed university, into a statutory university.

**Closure of Electric Loco Shed at Adra**

2650. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken decision to close down electric loco shed at Adra and to transfer all electric loco drivers to other places ; and

(b) If so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) (i) No, Sir. There is no Electric Loco shed at Adra. (ii) Of the 44 drivers based at Adra, 15 goods drivers

have been transferred from Adra to Anara (14 Kms away).

(b) As there are very few electric goods services originating from Adra, the services of goods drivers based at Adra cannot be fully utilised. The extra drivers have, therefore, been shifted to Anara which is the focal point for electric goods services.

[*Translation*]

#### Construction of Bargi Dam

2651. SHRI MOHAN LAL JHIKRAM : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state the year in which the construction work of Bargi Dam is likely to be completed and the total expenditure to be incurred on the construction of this dam and the total area to be irrigated thereby ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : Bargi multi-purpose project (Unit-I—Dam + Unit II—Canals) taken up by Madhya Pradesh is estimated to cost Rs. 416 crores and will provide irrigation to an area of 2.20 lakh hectares. The works on the Bargi Dam (Unit I) are in an advanced stage of construction and are programmed to be completed in the Seventh Plan. An expenditure of Rs. 90.91 crores has been incurred on the Dam (Unit I) upto March 1985 as against its estimated cost of Rs. 113.60 crores. The works on canals (Unit-II) are also in progress.

#### Providing New Diesel Engines, Coaches and Wagons to Trains between Jabalpur and Gondia and Mandla and Parasia

2652. SHRI MOHAN LAL JHIKRAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of engines engaged in the narrow gauge line from Jabalpur to Gondia and Mandla to Parasia and the life of each engine ;

(b) whether all these engines are fit for operation in all respects ;

(c) if not, the reasons for not replacing these engines with new ones so far ;

(d) whether passengers coaches and wagons of the trains running on the aforesaid line are old and in poor condition and these have been in use for many years there ;

(e) if so, the reasons for not replacing these coaches and wagons so far ; and

(f) whether there is any proposal for providing new engines and new coaches/wagons in near future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) 19 steam and 11 diesel locomotives are working and non of them are more than 35 years of age.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir. Majority of coaches are less than 25 years of age. The coaches and wagons before being put to run on trains are thoroughly attended and made fit.

(e) and (f) : Steam locos are being progressively replaced with Diesel Locomotives. Coaches and Wagons are replaced with new ones as and when required.

[*English*]

#### Mentally Retarded Person and Allocation of more Funds

2653. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to allocate more funds for provisions