

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