

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) to (c) The instructions issued by the Government of India from time to time in regard to the procedure to be observed in respect of foreign scholars visiting India under various programmes have recently been consolidated to facilitate easy reference and brought to the notice of Vice-Chancellors of all universities/deemed universities, etc., for their guidance/compliance.

#### Meerut-Jind Rail Line

477. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that people of bordering areas of U. P. and Haryana have been facing great difficulty for want of rail line from Baghpat to Jind via Sonapat and Gohana;

(b) whether taking into consideration the difficulties faced by the public of bordering areas of both the State, Government propose to include a new rail line from Meerut-Baghpat-Sonapat-Gohana-Jind which will minimise the mileage for going and coming to both the States; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) to (c) There is no proposal for undertaking survey/construction of Meerut-Jind rail line at present, in view of the severe constraint of resources and very heavy commitments already in hand.

#### Continuance of Railway halts and Stoppages Economically not Viable

478. SHRI BRAJA MOHAN MOHANTY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many railway halts and stoppages economically not viable are being continued; State-wise/Union Territory-wise;

(b) how many such halts have been abolished during 1984-85; and

(c) the steps taken to make them economically viable ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected from the Zonal Railways and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### Computerised Reservation System in Bombay, Calcutta and Madras

479. SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways are considering to computerise the reservation system in Bombay, Calcutta and Madras in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated expenditure to be incurred ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Computerisation of berth and seat reservations in Delhi area has been taken up as a Pilot Scheme at a cost of Rs. 11.87 crores. The work is already in progress. On successful implementation of the system, similar arrangements will be made in Bombay, Calcutta and Madras. It has been estimated that an expenditure of Rs. 30 crores will have to be incurred for computerising reservation in Bombay, Calcutta and Madras.

[Translation]

#### Colleges in the Vicinity of Outer Delhi Villages

480. SHRI BHARAT SINGH : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is no college in the vicinity of villages like Najafgarh, Bawana, Kutabgarh of outer Delhi as a result of

which rural students have to face great inconvenience and they have to go to the city which takes a lot of time; and

(b) whether Government propose to make arrangements for opening new colleges for these areas ?

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) :** (a) According to the information furnished by the Delhi University, there is no College in the vicinity of these villages. Students from these areas at present join the Rajdhani College, the Shivaji College, the S P Mukherjee College for Women and the Swami Shradhanand College, which are nearer to these villages.

(b) There is at present no proposal to open new Colleges specifically for these areas.

[English]

**Electrification of Vijayawada New Delhi Rail Line**

481. **SHRI V. SOBHANADREE-SWARA RAO :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) The amount allocated in the Seventh Plan for electrification of Vijayawada-New Delhi line and the amount earmarked for 1985-86; and

(b) by what time this line is expected to be electrified ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) :** (a) Amount required in 7th Plan

Rs. 276.46 crores  
Amount earmarked in 1985-86 As 51.16 crores

(b) 1988-89.

**Singda Dam Project in Manipur**

482 **SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Singda Dam Project in Manipur could not make any headway during the last three years because of labour troubles inside

the NPCC which is incharge of the construction;

(b) whether the Government of Manipur had taken up the matter with the Centre; and

(c) if so the details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) :** (a) The progress of work at the Singda dam project had been adversely affected during the last three years mainly on account of inadequacy of funds, the time taken in negotiations for revision of rates and the delay in finalisation of designs and drawings. There were only some minor labour problems during the last 3 years which, however, did not affect the progress of work at the Project.

(b) and (c) The Government of Manipur had at no stage during the last three years taken up with the Central Government the question of labour troubles inside the NPCC impeding the progress of this Project.

[Translation]

**Rural Electrification in Bihar**

483 **SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of schemes received for approval from Bihar by the Rural Electrification Corporation during 1984-85;

(b) the number of schemes, out of them, approved so far and of those still pending; and

(c) the time by which the remaining schemes would be approved and the number of villages likely to be electrified under these schemes ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) :** (a) 164 schemes were received by the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) from Bihar during 1984-85.

(b) 91 schemes have been approved so far, 46 schemes were rejected/referred back to the State Electricity Board and 27 schemes are pending with the REC.