

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.