

Institutions Functioning under Adult Education Scheme

506. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of institutions which are functioning in the country under the adult education scheme ;

(b) the number of persons who availed the facilities in those institutions during the year 1983-84 and 1984-85 ; and

(c) the number of such institutions in which women are availing this facility ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) As per the information received from the State Governments/ Union Territories Administrations, 2,29,476 adult Education centres were functioning in the country during the quarter ending March, 1985 under various Schemes of the adult education programme.

(b) Enrolment in the adult education centres during 1983-84 and 1984-85 was 51.48 lakhs and 65.91 lakhs respectively.

(c) The number of centres having women learners was 93,504 in 1983-84 and 1,03,069 centres in 1984-85 (upto September, 1984).

Providing Stoppage of Shri Jagannath Express at Balasore

507. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation to provide stoppage of Up and Dn Shri Jagannath Express at Balasore; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) As there is already a stoppage of 9 Up/10 Dn Shri Jagannath Express at Balasore, the question of receiving any representation and action taken thereon does not arise.

Fund Needed for Canals in Orissa

508. SHRI JAGANNATH PATNAIK : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that two major irrigation projects in Orissa would be ready next year and funds were needed for constructing canals for irrigation which would usher in 'a rice revolution' in the eastern sector; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) :

(a) and (b) The dam portion of the Rengali Multi-purpose project is likely to be completed during 1985-86. However, the irrigation component of the project estimated to cost Rs. 792.04 crores will spill-over into the Eighth Plan due to constraint of funds.

Battery Driven Mini Buses in Delhi

509. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : SHRI G. G. SWELL :

SHRI SRIBLAV PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to introduce noiseless, pollution-free battery driven mini buses in Delhi ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b) Delhi Administration has already started plying battery buses in the walled city. One battery operated bus manufactured by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited was given by Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources to Delhi Energy Development Agency in Feb.'85 for monitoring its performance. After watching the performance for three months, Delhi Administration felt that such buses may be plied in the congested area of the walled city where many cheap modes of transport do not exist. Six such buses have been obtained from BHEL and they are plying on two