

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

routes i. e. route no. 1 from New Delhi Railway Station to Ajmeri Gate, Chandni Chowk and back to New Delhi Railway Station and route no. 2 from Red Fort to Fatehpuri. The cost of one such bus is Rs 2 lakhs approximately and each bus consumes 30 units of electricity per day for recharging. It runs between 50 to 70 kms on a single charging.

Additional Line on Howrah-Kharagpur Section

510. SHRI BASUDEV ACHARIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Howrah-Kharagpur section of the railway route is oversaturated and there is no capacity to accept any additional train ;

(b) if so, whether Government have any plan for additional line on this route to ease the oversaturated condition as well as to introduce much needed additional trains on this line ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Survey for provision of fourth line between Santragachi and Panskura stations and third line between Panskura and Kharagpur is currently in progress. Provision of automatic signalling on Haur-Kharagpur section has been approved as Out-of-Turn work in 1984-85 with a view to increasing its capacity.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Scheme to Check Floods in Ganga

511. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is formulating a scheme to check Ganga floods ;

(b) if so, the main features thereof and by what time the work is likely to be started ; and

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred on this scheme and the sources from which it will be met ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) The Ganga Flood Control Commission has prepared a draft Comprehensive Plan of Flood Control in the Ganga Basin. It envisages the construction of various flood protection works like reservoirs, embankments, drainage channels, bank protection works and soil conservation measures. The draft Plan has been circulated to the States for their comments. Meanwhile, some of the works included in the draft Plan have already been started by the States according to the availability of funds.

(c) The estimated cost of the works envisaged under Comprehensive Plan was assessed as Rs. 1977.50 crores in 1982. The expenditure on these works is to be financed by the States from their Plan funds.

[English]

Restructuring of National Thermal Power Corporation

512. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to restructure the National Thermal Power Corporation as reported in the Economic Times of June 14, 1985;

(b) if so, whether there are plans also to separate engineering and construction services; and

(c) in what way is the proposed change expected to improve the functioning of the National Thermal Power Corporation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) There is no proposal under consideration to restructure the National Thermal Power Corporation.