

(b) number of States which have applied for starting universities for cultural studies;

(c) number of cultural organisations which have applied for "deemed university" status; and

(d) whether any of them has been granted the status of deemed university by University Grants Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROH-ATGI) : (a) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

(b) None.

(c) and (d) Proposals for declaring Kalakshetra, Madras; Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Varanasi; Indological Research Institute and Shri Sharada-peeth Arts and College of Education, Dwarka; and the Asiatic Society, Calcutta; as institutions deemed-to-be-universities under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 are in the process of examination.

Hubli-Karwar Rail Line

2598. SHRI D.K. NAIKAR : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an official team was appointed to conduct re-appraisal survey in respect of Hubli-Karwar rail line; and

(b) if so, whether the survey has since been completed and what action is proposed to be taken by Government on the recommendations of the official team?

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

(b) The survey is still in progress. Further action will be taken after receipt and examination of the report, subject to availability of resources.

Evaporation Losses of Stored Water

2599. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI : Will the minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government of India that on account of scorching heat of the sun available in India, many irrigation projects suffer bulk evaporation losses during summer;

(b) what effective measures are contemplated to be taken in hand to save these enormous evaporation losses of stored water; and

(c) whether the open to sky canals of irrigation projects could be replaced by pipeline canals for saving of water from evaporation losses?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to save the enormous evaporation losses, storages are so operated that they are drawn down to a low level during the summer. Further, research studies have also been carried out on the use of chemicals spread over the reservoir surface to reduce the evaporation losses but these are yet to become operational.

(c) In view of the long lengths involved and their relative high cost, replacement of open canals by pipelines is not considered economical.

Setting up of Cultural Centres

2600. SHRI A.S. GOUNDER : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the names of places where Cultural Centres are proposed to be set up during the Seventh Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROH-ATGI) : The places where seven Cultural Centres are being set up during Seventh Plan are Patiala (North Zone), Santiniketan (East Zone), Thanjavur (South Zone),