

(b) the reasons for delay in clearance; and

(c) time by which these are likely to be cleared ?

**THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):**

(a) Five major and one medium irrigation projects.

(b) and (c). Projects are pending clearance because of the following reasons :

- (i) delay in the submission of complete data/information by the State Government in response to the comments of the Central Water Commission :
- (ii) inter-State aspects to be resolved ;
- (iii) clearance from the environmental angle and for the release of forest land under the Forest Conservation Act.

Clearance on the projects depend on the early compliance of the above by the State Government.

**Supersonic Commercial Jet "Concord" on Lease**

110, SHRI V. TULSIRAM :

DR. B.L. SHAILESH :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether India is acquiring the supersonic commercial jet "Concord" on lease ;

(b) if so, whether this supersonic commercial jet "Concord" is a new branch or is already in operation ; if so, how many hours of flight it has completed and its certificate of aviation is expected to be completed ;

(c) the details of charges to be paid for the lease of the aircraft together with the lease period ;

(d) the route on which it will fly;

(e) whether the aircraft will be operated from the existing airstrips or new strips will have to be constructed ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and whether Hyderabad will be on the route map of this aircraft and if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER):**

(a) to (f). Air-India have no plans to obtain "Concorde" aircraft on lease at present.

**Private Participation in Educational Advancement**

111, SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have approached the rich and the industrialists in the country to lend a helping hand for rapid educational advancement of the country ;

(b) if so, the details of the help sought in this regard ;

(c) whether there is a provision for seeking such a help for the advancement of education in the country under the new education policy, if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) if not, whether seeking of such help will lead to advancement of public schools and upset the new education policy programme ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI):** (a) and (b). Industry is often advised and persuaded to lend a helping hand in regard to technical education. Proposals received from private organisations/trusts are duly entertained if they are reflected in the State Plans and are covered under the States' Grants-in-aid Codes. As a matter of policy, Institution-Industry interaction and collaboration are encouraged. The various measures through which collaboration is sought to be promoted include :

- (i) Exchange of personnel;
- (ii) Joint research projects ;
- (iii) Practical Training in Industry;
- (iv) Sand-wich courses with collaboration of industry;
- (v) Adoption of institutions by industries; and
- (vi) Indstitution Industry Advisory Committees, etc.

(c) The New Education Policy provides collaboration and net-working relationships between the institutions at various levels and with the user systems as well as interaction between Government and employers in the public and private sectors in regard to the establishment of vocational courses, raising of resources by mobilising donations, asking the beneficiary communities to maintain school buildings and supplies of some consumables.

(d) Does not arise.

#### Regional Conference of Irrigation Ministers of Eastern Region

112. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a regional conference of State Minister's of Irrigation and Water Resources of eastern region was held recently at Bhubaneswar ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and outcome of the discussions;

(c) whether a similar conference of southern region is also expected to be convened in the near future; and

(d) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor, particularly keeping in view the drought conditions in Andhra Pradesh?

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

(b) Various aspects relating to major, medium, and minor irrigation projects,

integrated water resources, planning and development, utilisation of irrigation potential, cyclones, floods and droughts, system operation and maintenance, manpower planning, training and research, scheduled caste component plan and tribal sub-plan were discussed.

(c) and (d). Regional Level Irrigation and Water Resources Minister's conference for southern region has already been held.

[Translation]

#### Construction of Bridge over Gandak on Chhitauni-Bagha Railway Line

113. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the demand for construction of a rail bridge over river Gandak on Chhitauni Bagha railway line in North Bihar contiguous to Nepal border has been pending since long and some amount was sanctioned by Government in 1982 to meet certain estimated expenditure ;

(b) the reasons for delay in construction of the bridge ; and

(c) whether in view of the strategic importance of this place, Nepal-India (U.P and Bihar) and the difficulties faced by the people of the area, Government propose to start construction of this railway bridge during the next financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The project was approved in 1974-75. The line between Bagha and Valmikinagar (9 kms) was completed and opened to traffic in 1978. The work between Valmikinagar and Chhitauni, including railway over bridge over river Gandak, has not been taken up.

(b) River protection works for the bridge over Gandak were estimated to cost Rs. 38 crores at 1982 price level. This cost was to be shared by the Ministry of Irrigation. State Governments of U.P. and Bihar. Present day cost is much higher. The Ministry of Irrigation have, however,