

high speed railway line in Iraq, covering 514 route kms. The contract value is Rs. 182 crores.

Children's Science Park-cum-Museum

*371. SHRI SOMNATH RATH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Children's Science Park-cum-Museum Project is proposed to be established in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether a blue-print has been prepared and the aims and objects of such Museum;

(c) the cost and time taken to complete the Project; and

(d) the number of children likely to be benefited by this project every month?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI-MATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The National Council of Science Museums propose to establish a Children's Science Park in Delhi. They also propose to establish a Science Museum at Pragati Maidan, Delhi. The aims and objectives are principally to disseminate knowledge of science and technology for better understanding by the people in general and students in particular, to develop scientific attitude and temper, to create, inculcate and sustain general awareness among the people about science and technology, to conduct research in History and Science

and Technology with special reference to India; to portray the growth of science and technology and their application in industry and human welfare and to supplement science education given in schools and colleges.

(c) The estimated cost is Rs. 8 crores. The time schedule for completion of the first phase is five years. The Project was started in 1985.

(d) The entire student community in Delhi and neighbouring areas in Northern India are likely to be benefited by the Project.

Percentage of Irrigated land

3793. PROF. MADHU DANAVATE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of irrigated land in various States;

(b) the targets of irrigated land in these States; and

(c) whether increased Central assistance will be made available to reach these targets?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). The information is given in the Statement below.

(c) Irrigation schemes are funded and implemented by the State Governments and Central assistance is given in the form of block grants and loans.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name of State	Percentage of gross irrigated area to gross sown area (x)	Targets of irrigated lands (Ultimate potential (in '000 hectares)
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	37.8	9,200
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	13.0	NA

1	2	3	4
3.	Assam	16.0	2,670
4.	Bihar	34.8	12,400
5.	Goa (Including Daman and Diu)	8.5	NA
6.	Gujarat	25.1	4,750
7.	Haryana	63.2	4,550
8.	Himachal Pradesh	17.0	335
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	40.9	800
10.	Karnataka	16.9	4,600
11.	Kerala	13.8	2,100
12.	Madhya Pradesh	12.7	10,200
13.	Maharashtra	12.7	7,300
14.	Manipur	40.8	240
15.	Meghalaya	23.8	120
16.	Mizoram	12.3	NA
17.	Nagaland	37.4	90
18.	Orissa	21.0	5,900
19.	Punjab	89.9	6,550
20.	Rajasthan	21.3	5,150
21.	Sikkim	10.8	42
22.	Tamil Nadu	46.8	3,900
23.	Tripura	10.1	215
24.	Uttar Pradesh	48.5	25,700
25.	West Bengal	25.5	6,100

NA. Not available separately.

(x) Relate to 1983-84, The latest year for which land use statistics (provisional) are available.

Problem of dowry victimisation

3794. SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the problem of dowry victimisation is 'astronomically' higher than what the official police records claim, according to a study on the subject made by the Cen-