

review periodically the progress and implementation of education programmes.

Increased Allocation for Social Welfare Work in States

279. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the two-day conference of State Social Welfare Ministers and Secretaries was held recently in New Delhi ;

(b) if so, whether the Conference has recommended three-fold increase in allocations for social welfare programmes and measures to strengthen administrative machinery for implementing them ;

(c) if so, how many State Ministers and Secretaries attended the Conference and the details of the programmes that will be undertaken by the States during the current year ; and

(d) how much funds will be allotted by the Union Government to the States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI MARAGATHAM CHANDRASEKHAR) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Conference has recommended that atleast one percent of the public sector outlays should be earmarked for social welfare in the Seventh Plan. The strengthening of administrative machinery for implementing the social welfare programmes has also been recommended.

(c) Twenty Ministers and 21 Secretaries of various States/U.Ts. attended the Conference. The States/U.Ts. formulate their own social welfare programmes. Broadly, these relate to the welfare of children, women, the handicapped and the aged.

(d) This depends upon the budget approved by Parliament from year to year.

Survey of Darwha-Bhokar B G. Railway Line

280. SHRI UTTAM RATHOD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken up the survey of Darwha-Pusad-Bhokar B.G. railway line ; and

(b) if so, the progress made and the time by which it will be completed ?

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

(b) The present progress is 28.42%. As per present indications, the survey is expected to be completed by December, 1985.

Railway Reforms Committee Recommendations

281. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railway Reforms Committee has since submitted its final report to Government and made specific recommendations on various aspects to Railway Administration including expansion of Railway network as also the mobilisation of resources for financing operations and the new projects ;

(b) if so, a summary of the recommendations with regard to the creation of new zones and divisions as also the criteria for sanctioning and financing the construction of new Railway lines in the forthcoming five year plans :

(c) whether any recommendations have since been accepted and implemented by Government, and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (d). So far, the Railway Reforms Committee have submitted 24 reports, covering various aspects of railway working including ex-