

Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Project

1471. SHRIMATI MANORMA SINGH : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of Kahalgaon Super Thermal Project in Bihar ;

(b) whether the work is going on the project according to schedule ;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to overcome the constraints ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) (a) Government have recently approved the Kahalgaon super thermal power project (4 × 210 MW)

(b) National Thermal power Corporation has already commenced work on the project to ensure its timely completion.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Separate Institute to coordinate activities for welfare of Handicapped

1472. SHRI G. BHOOPATHY : Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to State :

(a) whether there is any separate institute to co-ordinate the activities for the welfare of handicapped persons including blind, deaf and dumb and mentally retarded persons at the National level ;

(b) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has formed a separate Directorate for the welfare of handicapped persons and also established a Co-operative Finance Corporation to look after the welfare of the handicapped persons ; and

(c) if so, whether similar step is proposed to be taken at the National level ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI M CHANDRASEKHAR) : (a) The Ministry of Social and women's welfare coordinates the activities for the welfare of various categories of handicapped person at the national level.

(b) Regarding a separate Directorate for the welfare of handicapped persons in Andhra Pradesh, the information is being collected. The State Government has, however, set up a Finance Corporation to look after the welfare of handicapped persons.

(c) In view of reply to para (a), the question does not arise.

Improving the quality of Food in Cochin Bound Jayanti Janta Express

1473. P.A. ANTONY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has received any complaint about the poor quality food being served in the Cochin bound Jayanti Janta Express ;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to improve the quality of food in that train ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir. One complaint was received during the last six months regarding poor quality of food.

(b) Schedule for ingredients for the meals has been revised to ensure better quality and frequent checks are being conducted to keep a watch on the quality of food and service.

Stagnation of striking Teachers

1474. SHRI SUDHIR ROY : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether 400 selection grade teachers of Delhi Colleges are stagnating though there was agreement between Government and the striking teachers that the teachers who were stagnating would be given increments in alternate years ;

(b) whether this part of the agreement has been implemented ; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) According to information available, about 224 selection