

(b) if so, the time by which its construction work is likely to start ; and

(c) the time likely to be taken by Government to open the said central school ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to open a Kendriya Vidyalaya at Maunath Banjan at present.

[English]

Setting up of another National Institute of Sports

1658. SHRI UTTAMRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken final decision to establish another National Institute of Sports on the lines of National Institute of Sports, Patiala, in the country and

(b) if so, whether its location has been selected and the time by which it is likely to be established ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) No, Sir. However, two regional centres of the Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, Patiala are already functioning at Calcutta and Bangalore and another centre is immediately planned to be set up at Imphal.

(b) Does not arise.

Booking and reservation facility at Yavatmal (Maharashtra)

1659. SHRI UTTAMRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether booking and reservation facility on Railways at Yavatmal (Maharashtra) for trains going towards Bombay and Calcutta is likely to be provided ; and

(b) if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) & (b) Booking facilities already exist at Yavatmal. It is proposed to give a reservation quota to Yavatmal for Bombay side this month. The meagre traffic towards Calcutta side does not justify any reservation quota.

[Translation]

Vaccines to cure Leprosy Patients

1660. SHRI R. M. BHOYE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether our medical scientists have developed, after research on leprosy, some new and successful vaccines for the prevention of the disease ;

(b) whether these vaccines are being marketed ; and

(c) if so, details in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) Three vaccines developed so far are under clinical trials for proving their efficacy and suitability for mass use. A leprosy has a long incubation period, it takes long to evaluate the efficacy of these vaccines. The question of marketing at this stage does not arise.

Major and Medium Irrigation Schemes of Bihar under implementation

1661. SHRI D. P. YADAVA :
SHRI R. S. KHIRHAR :
DR. G. S. RAJHANS :
SYED SHAHABUDDIN :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of major and medium irrigation schemes being implemented in Bihar and the details thereof ;

(b) the reasons for delay in the completion of these schemes and the original and the present estimates of these schemes ;

(c) whether Union Government propose to take over Sitamarhi Bagmati Project which is being neglected for years ; and

(d) how many more irrigation projects of Bihar are still under consideration ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a), (b) & (d) 12 major and 27 medium on-going schemes are under implementation. Further, 5 major and 14 medium new schemes have been proposed by the State Government in the Seventh Plan. Out of these, 39 are approved, 17 are under examination and project reports for two are awaited. The main reasons for delay in completion are shortage of funds on account of proliferation of projects, difficulties in land acquisition and shortage of scarce construction material. Since the costs are escalating, the present costs of these projects cannot be indicated.

(c) There is no such proposal.

[English]

Darbhanga-Forbesganj road under Lateral Road Project

1662. SHRI D. P. YADAVA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a small missing link called Darbhanga-Forbesganj road under Lateral Road Project which has been awaiting completion for a long time;

(b) whether Government are aware that this is a road of vital importance from defence point of view and its completion will boost the economy of the North Indo-Gangetic Zone ;

(c) if so, the time by which it will be completed and the quantum of Central assistance to be given ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (d) The Lateral Road Project running from Bareilly in U.P. to Amingaon (Gauwahati) in Assam has since long been completed through grant-in-aid from the Central Government. However, the Darbhanga-Forbesganj Road link does not follow the Lateral Road alignment. It has also no defence-oriented priority. Moreover, due to financial constraints it is not possible to take up the road in question under any Centrally sponsored schemes, at present.

[Translation]

Manmad-Painth-Balsad Section Railway Line

1663. SHRI S. S. BHOYE : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey work for the Manmad-Painth-Balsad Section railway line is likely to be conducted to link Central Railway and Western Railway ;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering any proposal to link them and the time by which the survey is likely to be started ; and

(c) whether any provision has been made in the Seventh Five Year Plan for the above railway line ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Non-availability of wagons in Maharashtra for transporting grapes, onions and other vegetables

1664. SHRI S.S. BHOYE : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state ;