

ki ; in Dignobra station suffer because of non-availability of water;

(b) whether the Government have received any letter dated 4 June, 1982 regarding the matter;

(c) if so, steps taken by the Government in the matter; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):

(a) Yes.

(b) Letter dated 4th June, 1982 from Shri Samar Mukherjee, M.P. addressed to the Railway Minister has been received.

(c) Action has been initiated to deepen open ring well at the station to increase its yield.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (c) above.

Special Central assistance to Educationally backward States

1208. SHRI B. V. DESAI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether nine educationally backward States which have as many as 80 per cent of the non-enrolled children are being given special Central assistance;

(b) if so, what are the States and type of assistance given to other States; and

(c) by what time the scheme to combat problem of dropouts at elementary stage is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The States are Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Assistance for non-formal education for elementary age-group children given to all States and UT's are :—

(i) Grants to academic institutions, government or private, in any State/UT for experimental and innovative projects of non-formal education with replicable potentiality; and

(ii) Commodity assistance in the form of paper for reducing books and literature for non-formal education to all States/UTs having non-formal educational programmes.

(c) Various measures have been proposed or undertaken by the States/UTs for reducing the drop-out rates at the elementary stage. The non-formal education programme is considered to be the most effective strategy to cover the out-of-school children comprising both non-starters and drop-outs. Efforts are being made to develop non-formal education substantially during the current Plan period itself to cover such children under the elementary education system.

रायपुर बैंगन रिपेयर वर्कशाप का विस्तार

1209. श्री कयूर भूषण : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने मध्य प्रदेश में रायपुर बैंगन रिपेयर वर्कशाप के विस्तार