Taking Over of Nangal-Bhakra Dam Project by Railways

9698, PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARA-SHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the takeover of Nangal Dam Bhakra Dam project Railway by the Railway Administration has been demanded by the people of Himachal Pradesh as to provide a Broad Gauge Railway station at Bhakra:
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government on this demand; and
- (c) the likely date by which the project Railway would be acquired by the Railway Administration?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): Due to severe constraints of resources and the fact that taking over of the Project will not be financially viable, it has not been possible to consider the proposal at present.

Proposal for Tie-up between the Formal and Non-Formal System of Education

9699. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of EDU-CATION AND CULTUTRE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have received any proposal for a proper tie-up between the formal and non-formal system of education (like Adult Education) so as to avoid any wastage of resources and to ensure maximum benefits to the people:
- (b) if so, the decision of the Government in this regard especially on the proposal that all unemployed trained teachers (graduates and matriculates) should be employed in the Adult Education centres till they are given regular employment in the schools;
- (c) if so, the date w.e.f. this system has been accepted and implemented; and
- (d) if not, whether Government would seriously consider this suggestion and take up the matter with the State Governments/Union Territory Administration and the date by which it would be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF **EDUCATION** AND AND SOCIAL WELFARE CULTURE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) No proposal has been received. Non-formal parttime education for elementary age group (9-14 years) children, who cannot join and attend schools due to socio-económic reasons, is being developed as an alternate supportive system to formal schooling. Students under the non-formal system are enabled to appear at the primary and middle level examinations. Children are also enabled to change their channel of education from full-time to part-time and vice-versa according to their needs and conveniences.

Adult education is meant for persons in the economically active age group 15-35 years.

As both non-formal education for elementary age group children and Adult education are outside the formal system and share a flexible innovative approach, the possible linkages between these programmes are being reviewed on a continuing basis for optimum utilisation of resources and maximisation of benefits.

- (b) There is no such proposal.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) According to the information available State Govts/UT Administrations give due consideration to the appointment of unemployed trained graduates and matriculates to work as Adult Education Instructors, Supervisors etc.

Review of Captaincy Scheme on Trains in Ferozepur and Delhi Divisons of N.R.

9700. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the functioning of the 'Captaincy' Scheme for Coach Attendants, Conductors and TTEs on Passenger/Mail/Express trains in the Ferozepur and Delhi Divisions of Northern Railway has been reviewed:
- (b) if so, the results of the review and whether it has been decided to extend the scheme to other divisions of the Northern Railway and other Zenal Railways;