Conference of State Education Secretaries

Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Sham Lal Saraf:
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Kishen Pattnayak:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a meeting of the State Education Secretaries was held in June, 1963 to assess the achievements and shortfalls in the Educational Plans and to determine whether any changes in the existing educational targets are called for;
- (b) if so, what observations or recommendations were made at the meeting; and
- (c) the Government's decision in the light of the same?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) The relevant portion from the proceedings is laid on the table of the House. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-1497/63.]
- (c) The recommendations/observations are kept in view while making the Plan appraisal.

Enactments for continuation of English in States

646. Shri Hem Raj:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state which of the States have passed or propose to pass legislation in their States for the continuation of English?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Hajarnavis): Under Article 345 of the Constitution, the English language shall continue to

be used for those official purposes within the State for which it was being used immediately before the commencement of the Constitution. The date-line of 26th January, 1965 does not, therefore, apply to the use of English for the official purposes of the States. Under Article 210(2), however the English language cannot be used for transaction of business in the Legislature of a State beyond 26th January, 1965 unless the Legislature of the State by law otherwise provides. It is not possible at this stage to state as to how many States propose to pass a law for this purpose.

Report on N.P.L.

647. { Shri Bibhuti Mishra: Shri Bade: Shri Krishnapal Singh:

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Professor Blackett's report on the working of the National Physical Laboratory has been submitted to Government; and
- (b) if so, what is the gist of the main recommendations of the report?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Hamayun Kabir): (a) The report has been received by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.

(b) The basic recommendations are: (i) The fundamental physical investigations largely unrelated to the applied work of N.P.L. may be constituted into a Centre for Advanced Physics to function in collaboration with the Delhi University; and (ii) The rest of the work is to be suitably reorganised which includes inter alia the establishment of (a) a strong division devoted to Standards and Testing to assist industry; (b) a Projects Division to undertake specific projects of development; and (c) setting up of

two development-cum-production Units:

- (1) for fabrication of Electronic Components.
- (2) Fabrication of glass apparatus and equipment.

Coal Supply

648. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

- (a) whether coal supply beyond Moghalsarai has improved;
 - (b) if so, to what extent; and
- (c) the steps taken further to improve the position?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). Yes. The daily average loading of coal wagons for movement in the direction above Moghalsarai has improved as will be observed from the following statement:

(Figures in wagons)

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Months				Actual loading in 1962	Actual loading in 1963
January				1,875	2,027
Februar	у			1,734	2,130
March				1,918	2,149
April				1,890	2,127
May				1,807	2,026
June				1,815	1,908
July		•		1,927	2,118

- (c) The following are the main steps taken by the Government to further improve the supply of coal to consumers situated in the above Moghalsarai direction:-
 - (i) Increase in rail movement capacity from July, 1962 by 100 wagons per day in the "Above Moghalsarai Area" from the Bengal/Bihar coalfields;
 - (ii) the pattern of distribution has been revised from February 1963 so as to move maximum

- supplies in block rakes for long distances:
- (iii) colliries are being urged to step up loading of coal wagons on Sundays and Holidays:
- (iv) an additional route is being provided for movement of coal from the Bengal Bihar field to consumers above Moghalsarai by the construction of a new line connecting Garhwa Road to Robertsganj;
- (v) plans have been drawn to develop the Singrauli coalfield, which will produce about 2.5 million tons under the Third Plan and all the coal will be for industries in the "Above Moghalsarai direction";
- (vi) creation of coal dumps at important places in the various States.

Surveys of Wind Velocity in Rajasthan

- 649. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:
- (a) the success which has so far been achieved as a result of surveys of wind velocity conducted in Rajasthan; and
- (b) the names of the places where the survey has been carried out?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Hamayun Kabir): (a) The surveys indicate that if lines are drawn due North and West from Jodhpur, the area to the West and North of these lines is more favourable for wind power utilisation. Wind electric generators of 1-2 KW may work in these areas except during the winter months. Water pumping windmills will work over most parts of Rajasthan but their performance will be appreciably less during the winter months.