

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) whether any Department has been set up in this regard and if not, the time by which it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) Yes Sir, a large number of scholars are of the view that moral education should be imparted to children from their childhood.

(b) to (d) Moral education is already part of the school curriculum. At primary stage it is integrated in different subject areas, specifically environmental studies and Language. The components are based on Indian Culture.

(e) There is no proposal before the Government to have a separate Department for the purpose.

[English]

Promotion of Bio-Technology Units

1244. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up special Cell in Andhra Pradesh with the cooperation of USA for the promotion of bio-technology units in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) its present status?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal with Department of Biotechnology to set up special cell in Andhra Pradesh for the promotion of bio-technology units in the state.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

Coastal Atlas

1245. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to prepare a Coastal Atlas of Maritime States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be prepared?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) to (c) There is no proposal at present to prepare Coastal Atlas of Maritime States by the Government. High Resolution Topographical maps for some portions of the East Coast are under preparation by the Survey of India.

Kulpi Port Project

1246. DR. ASIM BALA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the present position of the Kulpi port project in West Bengal;

(b) whether the said project is in doldrums; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) to (c) Bengal Ports Limited, a company jointly promoted by West Bengal industrial Development Corporation and an industrialist Group has made a proposal to develop port facilities at Kulpi under the jurisdiction of Calcutta Port Trust. The proposal is under consideration of the Calcutta Port Trust.

R.C.C. Terminal At Patna

1247. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA :
SHRI SURENDRA PRASAD YADAV
(Jhanjharpur) :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the likely time by which the R.C.C. Terminal at Patna in Bihar would be ready for operation; and

(b) the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) According to the approved scheme, the R.C.C. terminal at Patna is to be constructed by March, 2000.

(b) The scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 14.45 crores was approved by the Government in March, 1998. The work has been assigned to CPWD as Deposit work. CPWD has invited tenders for jetty and approach to jetty. The tender received is under evaluation by CPWD.