

Telugu Ganga Project***142. SHRI D.N. REDDY :**

SHRI S.M. BHATTAM : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to State whether Government propose to take up the Telugu Ganga Project as a national project ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : No, Sir.

Delinking of Degrees from Jobs

***143. PROF. P.J. KURIEN :** Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether prominent educationists and Vice-Chancellors have expressed divergent views on the delinking of degrees from jobs ;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ;

(c) whether Government have worked out the details of this scheme ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) and (b) The Government is examining a proposal for delinking degrees from jobs. Even though the views of educationists or Vice-Chancellors have not been invited on the proposal, many of them have expressed their views on this and other subjects in various forums. Their views and the reactions of others on the subject will be considered at the time of taking a final view on the proposal.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Power Target of Sixth Plan***144. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA :**

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) what was the target fixed for generating power during the Sixth Five Year Plan by each State ;

(b) the achievement made by each State during that period ;

(c) whether the target was achieved, if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) the target being fixed for the Seventh plan and allocation of funds made there for each State ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) The State-wise targets and achievements of power generating capacity added during the Sixth plan period is given in the statement below.

(c) Approximately 72% of the target was achieved. The main factors which militated against the target not being achieved were : delay in equipment supply, constraint of funds and weak project management.

(d) The Seventh plan is in the process of finalisation and is yet to be approved by the National Development Council.