

(b) if so, the names of the States where geothermal resources are available ;

(c) whether the geothermal resources available in Madhya Pradesh have been properly tapped; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to exploit the hot water available at Tattapani in Sarguja district and also found at other places ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir. Collection of data and its updating is a continuous process.

(b) Hot springs have been found in Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan and Haryana.

(c) Investigations are in progress to assess the geothermal potential in promising areas of Madhya Pradesh.

(d) Geological, Geochemical, Geophysical studies have been carried out and exploratory drilling is in progress at Tattapani in Sarguja District in Madhya Pradesh. The feasibility of utilising hot water is being studied.

#### Proposal to establish School Grants Commission

\*446. SHRI K. RAMA CHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the conference of Southern State Education Ministers held in Hyderabad in the first week of July, 1985 recommended to the Union Government for establishment of a School Grants Commission ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Union Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Silting in Kosi barrage

\*447. SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Kosi barrage and Kosi Project as a whole are in danger of being damaged and destroyed on account of heavy silting ;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take ;

(c) whether there is any permanent solution for the problem of silting ; and

(d) if so, the measures being taken to protect the two embankments of Kosi River ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b). Though there has not been any damage to the main barrage, excessive silting both upstream and downstream has created some problem on the downstream side for which protective measures are being taken.

(c) Construction of dams in the upper reaches of the Kosi catchment along with soil conservation measures will help in reducing the siltation.

(d) Protective measures in the form of bank revetment and river training works, etc. to protect the Kosi embankments are being taken by the State Government.

#### Korapuzha Irrigation Project

\*448. DR. K. G. ADIYODI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Korapuzha Irrigation Project in Wynad District, Kerala was started with an estimated amount of Rs. 760 lakhs in 1977 with a time bound pro-