

[Translation]

Kosi Project

*424. SHRI ABDUL HANNAN ANSARI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the date on which the work on Kosi Project in Bihar State was started and the stipulated time for completion of its western canal;

(b) whether the progress of work thereon is not in proportion to the time fixed therefor; and

(c) if so, the reason therefor, and if not, the time by which the said work is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) :

(a) The works on the Kosi Project and its Western Canal commenced in the year 1959 and 1971, respectively. The Western Kosi Canal is likely to be completed in the VIII Plan.

(b) and (c). The land acquisition problems and non-availability of sufficient-resources have delayed the completion of the project.

[English]

Weighing of coal before loading

*425. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether coal is weighed before it is loaded and again when delivered to buyers; and

(b) if not, how railways ensure that the buyers receive that must quantity of coal which has been loaded for them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) Wherever weighment facilities are available, coal wagons are generally weighed before booking. Where Wagons are not weighed, sender's weight is accepted. Normally, coal wagons

are not weighed at destinations by the Railways.

(b) All possible precautions are taken to deliver the loaded quantity to the consignee.

Proposal to set up Medical Grants Commission

*426. SHRI T. BASHEER : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the proposal to establish a Medical Grants Commission at the National level on the lines of the University Grants Commission to look after the medical education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by what time the decision is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) to (c). The Medical Education Review Committee had made recommendations regarding the appointment of a Medical and Health Education Commission for the coordination, planning and implementation of various medical and health education programmes in all branches of health sciences, planning for the development of health manpower, allocation of funds and disbursement of grants to medical and health institutions etc. The Government of India have accepted this recommendation in principle. The report of the Medical Education Review Committee along with a Statement indicating the decisions of the Government of India on the recommendations of the Committee has already been placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha on 2.5.1986.

Study on architectural significance of Bhabha Kundaleswar Temple

*427. SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :