

(a) whether Government are aware that in far-flung hill areas of the country where transport facility is not available, girls have to leave their studies even at Primary and Middle level itself as they have to walk a distance of 15-20 kilometres from their villages to places having Middle and High Schools;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to open at least one women's college with a hostel in each Development Block so that girls are not forced to discontinue their studies and national policy on women's education is actually implemented; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) The responsibility for setting up schools is primarily that of State Governments. According to the Fourth All India Educational Survey, (1978-79), 92.82% of the population is served by primary schools/sections within a distance of 1 K.M. and 78.83% of the population is served by middle schools/sections within 3 K.Ms. However, it is known that in many areas, girls have to travel longer distances to avail of schooling facilities.

(b) The Government have no such proposal under consideration.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Survey of Sakri-Hasanpur Rail Line

*501. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey of Sakri-Hasanpur rail line has since been completed;

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred thereon by Government;

(c) whether it is a fact that compensation has been paid for the land to Bihar Government and lakhs of people are demanding construction of the line; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that since Independence no railway development work has been done in this region and whether in view of this, Government propose to start the work on Sikri-Hasanpur rail line soon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An amount of Rs. 1.95 lakhs was spent on the survey conducted for this new railway lines.

(c) The land has not yet been acquired for this project, by the State Government and therefore the question of compensation does not arise.

(d) A number of new lines have been constructed in North Bihar since Independence, besides Gauge Conversion. The question of starting work on Sakri-Hasanpur new line will depend on availability of resources.

[English]

Sethusamudram Canal Project

*502. SHRI R. ANNANAMBI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether a Working Group has recommended inclusion of the Sethusamudram Canal Project in the Seventh Plan;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in implementation of the Project till date even through the survey work in the sea was over long ago; and

(c) when do the Government propose to take up the Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING & TRANSPORT SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Seventh Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised and no decision to implement the Project has been taken.

New Power Generation Schemes of Andhra Pradesh

*503. SHRI S. M. BHATTAM: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of the new power generation schemes (Super Thermal and Hydle) submitted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh which are now pending before the Planning Commission/the Central Electricity Authority;

(b) the year of submission of these schemes and the stage at which they stand now; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to expedite them ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION & POWER (SHRI B SHANKARANAND) :
(a) to (c) I. Schemes cleared by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and forwarded to the Planning Commission for approval and inclusion in the State P an.

S.No.	Scheme	Receipt of Report in the C E. A.	Clearance by the CEA
HYDRO			
1.	Nagarjunsagar RBC Extn.	December, 1982	July, 1984
2.	Kakatiya Canal	June, 1982	Mach, 1983

II. Schemes cleared by the C. E. A. and awaiting clearance from environmental angle.

1.	Mini Hydel Scheme Kakatiya Canal at D-83 at 6th & 7th Mileage	July, 1983	July, 1984
2.	—do— at 12th Mileage	July, 1983	July, 1984
3.	—do— at 14th Mileage	July, 1983	July, 1984
4.	—do— at 15th Mileage	July, 1983	July, 1984
5.	—do— at 9th & 10th Mileage	July, 1983	July, 1984
6.	—do— at 25th Mileage	July, 1983	July, 1984

III. Schemes under appraisal in the CEA

S.No.	Scheme	Receipt of Report in the C. E. A.
1.	Priyadarshini Jurala	January, 1985
2.	Jalaput	February, 1985 (Modified Report)

IV. Schemes where applied/revised Report is awaited from the State.

S.No.	Scheme	Receipt of Report in the C.E.A.	Present Status
1.	Polavaram	July, 1983	Additional information required by the CEA is awaited from State Authorities
2.	Srisaillam Left Bank Power House	March, '84	Detailed Project Report is awaited from State Authorities,
3.	Kakatiya Canal (Maniar Infall)	Feb. 1982	Revised Report is awaited from State Authorities.

The Central Electricity Authority endeavours to complete the techno-economic appraisal of Project Reports expeditiously. This is, however, dependent on the thoroughness of investigations and completeness of Project Reports, which are essential for assessing the techno-economic viability. Inclusion of a project in the State Plan is governed by the availability of resources,

Construction of Fly over on level crossing adjacent to Khagra Ghat Road Station

*504. SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to construct a fly-over on the National Highway, No. 74 at the Point of level crossing adjacent to Khagra Ghat Road Station on the Hawrah-Farakka line on the Eastern Railway ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise,

(c) The State Government of West Bengal has not yet sponsored any proposal to provide road over bridge in replacement of existing level crossing near Khagrahat Road Station on cost sharing basis as per extant rules,

Central Assistance to States for Free Education of Girls upto School-Leaving Stage

*505. SHRIMATI BIBHA GHOSH GOSWAMI :
SHRI MATI LAL HASDA :
Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government will provide money to the States for free education of girls upto School-leaving stage ;

(b) if so, the salient features of such a scheme ; and

(c) whether the States already implementing such a scheme will get re-imbusement from the Centre ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C PANT) : (a) to (c) Education of girls upto class VIII is already free in most of the Government, Local Body and aided schools in the country, Government have decided to make girls' education free upto class XII in all such institutions in the country.

A scheme of reimbursement of tuition fee for girls in classes IX to XII to the States/ Union Territories from 1985-86 is being formulated.

Review of 10-Week Long Family Planning Campaign

*506. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government reviewed recently the strategy for the implementation of 10-week long family planning campaign which began on 20 March, 1985 :

(b) if so, the decisions arrived at and the strategy that has been decided upon to follow the family planning campaign during 1985-86 ;

(c) what is the target estimated to be achieved by implementing this programme ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) to (c) A 10-week intensive family planning campaign starting from 20th March, 1985 has been launched to improve the quality and performance of the Family Planning Programme so that this work is done on regular basis. The performance targets for 1985-86 are 5.56 million sterilisations, 3.24 million IUDs, 9.51 million CC users and 0.96 million OP users. The major features of the strategy to promote the Family Planning Programme during the year 1985-86 are : intensified efforts using various media channels to increase the demand for contraception ; expansion of infrastructural facilities ; streamlining the supply system ; improving programme management ; upgradation of skills