

(a) the total funds allocated for the Vamsadhara Project in Srikakulam District of Andhra Pradesh by the Centre and the funds actually released, indicating the original and the present cost estimates ;

(b) what is the total area that will be irrigated by this Project and what is the time fixed for completion of the Project ; and

(c) whether the Project will fully utilise the total potential and watersupply available from this river ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B SHANKARANAND) :
(a) Centre provides block loans/grants to the States and it is not tied to any sector of development or individual project

Andhra Pradesh has taken up Vamsadhara Project in two stages. The Stage-I of the project was approved in 1972 for Rs. 8.77 crores and its revised cost is now indicated to be Rs. 51.15 crores. By the end of March 1985, Rs. 31.18 crores are anticipated to have been spent for the Stage-I Project. Andhra Pradesh has sent the project report on Stage II of the Vamsadhara Project at an estimated cost of Rs. 154.35 crores in May 1983 to Central Water Commission for techno-economic clearance and obtaining approval of the Planning Commission. By the end of March 1985, Rs. 2.65 crores is anticipated to have been spent for the Stage-II Project.

(b) Vamsadhara Stage-I Project will create a new irrigation potential of 20,14 thousand hectares and provides stabilisation for existing areas of 39.85 thousand hectares. Vamsadhara Stage-II Project envisages creation of an irrigation potential of 43.41 thousand ha. Stage-I and II of the Project are likely to be completed in the VIII Plan after the aspects of submergence are sorted out by Andhra Pradesh Government with Orissa Government.

(c) 50% share of Vamsadhara River waters stand allocated to Andhra Pradesh by an agreement with Orissa and the St.-I & II of the Vamsadhara Project propose to fully utilise the same.

[Translation]

Gas Based Power Plant for Etawah

3537. SHRI NIRMAL KHATRI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken decision for setting up a gas-based power plant in Etawah District of Uttar Pradesh ;

(b) if so, the cost involved in this plant and the time by which this plant is likely to be completed ;

(c) what will be the cost of production of power to be produced by this plant and whether this production cost of power will be less or more than the production cost of power produced by Thermal Power Plants and Hydel Power Plants ; and

(d) the places in the country where Government propose to set up such Power plants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (d) Government have decided to set up in the Central sector gas based power stations with a total capacity of 1500 MW with combined cycle technology at Kawas, Sawai Madhopur and Auniya along the alignment of the Hazira-Bijaypur-Jagdishpur gas pipeline. The costs of the projects and power generation etc. will be known when detailed project reports are ready.

[English]

Conversion of Bangalore-Mysore Rail Line into Broad Gauge

3538. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) when the conversion of Bangalore-Mysore rail line to broad gauge was sanctioned ; and

(b) the progress made so far on conversion of the said line ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) The conversion of Bangalore-Mysore rail line to broad gauge was approved in the year 1979-80.

(b) The present progress is 20%.

Symptoms of Meningitis and Precautionary Measures thereof

3539. SHRIMATI USHA CHOUDHARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the symptoms of Meningitis disease ; and

(b) the precautionary measures which are to be taken by the common man in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The clinical picture of the disease is characterised by sudden onset of high fever, intense headache, nausea and often vomiting, stiffness of neck, photophobia (dislike of light) and frequently a petechial pink or red macular rash. Occasional fulminating cases exhibit sudden prostration and shock at onset.

(b) The following preventive measures can be taken :

- (i) Prevention of over crowding in living quarters, public transport, work places etc
- (ii) Proper ventilation of living and sleeping quarters of those specially exposed to infection because of overcrowding.
- (iii) Isolation of patients and avoiding coming in contact with the discharges from the nose or throat of the patient.
- (iv) Institution of timely chemoprophylactic and therapeutic measures.
- (v) In case of suspected case of meningitis report should be made immediately to local health authorities and medical advice sought.

Survey of Rail Lines in Kerala

3540. PROF. P.J. KURIEN :
SHRI GEORGE JOSEPH
MUNDACKAL :
SHRI T. BASHEER : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rail lines under survey in the State of Kerala ;

(b) whether representations have been received for the Cochin-Madurai and Tiruchi-Pattanamhitta-Punaloor rail lines ; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) The surveys for the following are in progress in the State of Kerala :—

- (1) A New Broad Gauge line from Cochin to Bodinavakkanur and its extension by conversion of Metre Gauge into Broad Gauge from Bodinavakkanur to Madurai.
- (2) New line from Trivandrum to Chengannur / Kayamkulam via Kottarakara as an alternative to doubling from Chengannur to Trivandrum via Quilon.

(b) Representations have been received for Cochin-Madurai and Tiruvalla (and not Tiruchi)-Pattanamhitta-Punaloor rail lines.

(c) A survey for Cochin-Madurai Section is in progress.

Low Cost School Building Recommended by NCERT

3541. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether low cost school buildings have been recommended by a recent seminar organised by National Council of Educational Research and Training in Delhi ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) Government's reaction to these recommendations ?