

power requirements of Union Territory of Goa are being met fully from the neighbouring States and the Central Sector Korba Thermal Project. There are no power cuts in force in the Union Territory.

There is no proposal to put up a generating station in the Union Territory of Goa. However, to meet the future requirements, allocations have been made from the Central Sector Thermal Projects at Korba and Ramagundam.

Conversion of Vasco-Miraj Rail Line

1363. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there have been repeated demands for converting the Vasco-Miraj railway line from metre gauge into broad gauge ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in furtherance of this demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) :
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to severe constraint of resources the demand for this line will have to await till the resources position becomes favourable.

Plan Outlay for Technical and Vocational Education in Kerala

1364. PROF. P.J KURIEN : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to increase the plan outlay for technical and vocational educational in Kerala ;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the Government of Kerala in this regard ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) to (c). Government of Kerala have proposed a

considerable increase in its Plan outlay for Technical and Vocational Education. As against Rs. 700.00 lakhs approved for the Sixth Five Year Plan, an outlay of Rs. 2400.00 lakhs has been proposed for the Seventh Five Year Plan for Technical Education. For Vocational Education an amount of Rs. 850.00 lakhs has been proposed for the Seventh Five Year Plan. (In the Sixth Plan it formed part of Secondary Education). The size of the State Plan has yet to be finalised by the Planning Commission.

No representation was sent by the State Government to the Central Government in this regard. The Plan outlay of the various States is decided by the Planning Commission.

Breakthrough in Transmission Technology

1365. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation expects to achieve a breakthrough in transmission technology

(b) if so, whether the major step forward in transmission technology has already been taken with the decision to introduce high voltage direct current for long-distance bulk power transmission;

(c) whether it is also a fact that NTPC had made all round progress during 1983-84;

(d) whether the NTPC has cleared several new projects and its permission has been obtained for the current year; and

(e) if so, the new projects that will be undertaken during the year 1984-85 ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) During the year 1983-84 National Thermal Power Corporation commissioned 5 units of 200 MW each as per schedule.