

which rural students have to face great inconvenience and they have to go to the city which takes a lot of time; and

(b) whether Government propose to make arrangements for opening new colleges for these areas ?

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) :** (a) According to the information furnished by the Delhi University, there is no College in the vicinity of these villages. Students from these areas at present join the Rajdhani College, the Shivaji College, the S P Mukherjee College for Women and the Swami Shradhanand College, which are nearer to these villages.

(b) There is at present no proposal to open new Colleges specifically for these areas.

[English]

**Electrification of Vijayawada New Delhi Rail Line**

481. **SHRI V. SOBHANADREE-SWARA RAO :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) The amount allocated in the Seventh Plan for electrification of Vijayawada-New Delhi line and the amount earmarked for 1985-86; and

(b) by what time this line is expected to be electrified ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) :** (a) Amount required in 7th Plan

Rs. 276.46 crores  
Amount earmarked in 1985-86 As 51.16 crores

(b) 1988-89.

**Singda Dam Project in Manipur**

482 **SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Singda Dam Project in Manipur could not make any headway during the last three years because of labour troubles inside

the NPCC which is incharge of the construction;

(b) whether the Government of Manipur had taken up the matter with the Centre; and

(c) if so the details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) :** (a) The progress of work at the Singda dam project had been adversely affected during the last three years mainly on account of inadequacy of funds, the time taken in negotiations for revision of rates and the delay in finalisation of designs and drawings. There were only some minor labour problems during the last 3 years which, however, did not affect the progress of work at the Project.

(b) and (c) The Government of Manipur had at no stage during the last three years taken up with the Central Government the question of labour troubles inside the NPCC impeding the progress of this Project.

[Translation]

**Rural Electrification in Bihar**

483 **SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of schemes received for approval from Bihar by the Rural Electrification Corporation during 1984-85;

(b) the number of schemes, out of them, approved so far and of those still pending; and

(c) the time by which the remaining schemes would be approved and the number of villages likely to be electrified under these schemes ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) :** (a) 164 schemes were received by the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) from Bihar during 1984-85.

(b) 91 schemes have been approved so far, 46 schemes were rejected/referred back to the State Electricity Board and 27 schemes are pending with the REC.

(c) The pending 27 schemes, which envisage electrification of some 1200 villages, are expected to be considered for sanction during the current financial year, keeping in view the availability of funds.

[English]

#### Irrigation Potential lying Unutilised

484. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether as such as five million hectares of irrigation potential is lying unutilised, as reported in the Economic Times issue dated July 5, 1985;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to utilised this resource; and

(c) whether Government will consider imposing penalties on potential users who refuse to utilise irrigation provided at their door steps ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) About 5 million ha. of irrigation potential is lying unutilised by the end of the Sixth Plan period and the following measures, among others, have been taken to remedy the situation;

- i) A Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme has been taken up for an integrated development which includes construction of field channels and field drains, land levelling and land shaping, introduction of warabandi, promoting conjunctive use of surface and ground water, organising the supply of inputs and credit facilities, etc.
- (ii) Construction of water courses from 40 ha. block outlets to 5 to 8 ha. block outlets in on-going projects and inclusion of similar provision for completed projects in modernisation schemes.
- (iii) Modernisation of completed irrigation systems, as necessary, in a phased manner.

(c) Irrigation being a State subject, it is for the State Governments to consider the necessary steps in this regard.

[Translation]

#### Power Project along Chambal River

485. SHRI KAMMODILAL JATAV : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to construct any power project along the fast flowing Chambal river in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether Government propose to construct some Power Projects to ensure intensive development around Morena; and

(c) if so, by what time and what will be the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (c) At present 3 hydroelectric schemes namely Gandhi Sagar (5×23 MW); Rana Pratap Sagar (4×43MW) and Jawahar Sagar (3×33 MW) on the Chambal river are already under operation. In addition, a project proposal for Chambal Right Bank Main Canal (3+0.31 MW) in Merena District of Madhya Pradesh has recently been sanctioned by the Planning Commission. The construction period of the project is 3 years and on completion it will afford an annual energy generation of 5 Gwh.

[English]

#### Containerisation

48. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have finalised and implemented containerisation for ships after examining its full impact vis-a-vis work habits, work attitudes of our employees;

(b) whether this would improve our productivity in relation to the high costs involved;