

Railway) and (v) Balod and Kusumkasa Stations (South Eastern Railway).

Construction of Karur-Dindigul track

*74. SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Tamil Nadu has acquired and handed over the required land to the Southern Railway for the construction of Karaur-Dindigul-Tuticorin-Tirunelveli broad gauge track;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) by what time the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Land acquisition proceedings are in progress.

(c) No target date can be fixed for the entire project in view of the severe constraint of funds.

Opening of Universities/Colleges after obtaining U.G.C.'s permission in States Union Territories

*75. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has advised all the States and Union Territories not to open universities and colleges without consulting the University Grants Commission;

(b) if so, whether any representations are pending with University Grants Commission for opening more Universities and colleges in the States; and

(c) if so, details thereof and steps contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The Central Government have suggested to all State Governments and Union Territories that there should be adequate consultations with the University Grants Commission and/or the Central Government before proposals for the establishment of new Universities are finalised. No such suggestions were made in respect of opening of Colleges.

(b) and (c). A proposal for establishment of a new University in Gujarat received from the State Government is under examination in the Commission. A proposal of the Government of Maharashtra to establish a Technological University was recently accepted in principle. The Commission was not in favour of accepting a proposal made by the Government of Andhra Pradesh in July, 1982 to establish a Women's University in that State.

Supply of nuclear fuel by France

*76. SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY:

SHRI B. V. DESAI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether final agreement between India and France has been reached in regard to supply of fuel to Tarapur Power Plant;

(b) if so, whether France has agreed to supply the enriched uranium within the framework of the 1963 Indo-U.S. Agreement;

(c) if so, details of the final agreement reached; and

(d) what is USA's reaction to this agreement?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c). On 26 November 1982 India and France reached an agreement in which France agreed to supply enriched uranium for the Tarapur Atomic Power Station in lieu of the