

(c) The Central Government have sanctioned a scheme for renovation and modernisation of Talcher Thermal Station at an estimated cost of Rs. 23.46 crores. Efforts are also being made to expedite the commissioning of 2 hydro units of 50 MW each under construction at Hangali. Besides this, assistance in power supply is given from Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh whenever possible.

Admission of Students from Junior to Senior Navyug Schools of N.D.M.C.

1586. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether both the Senior and Junior Navyug Schools of the N.D.M.C. are running under the same Administration;

(b) if so, the reasons for refusing admission to students in Senior Navyug School who passed from the Junior Navyug Schools; and

(c) whether Government propose to direct the N.D.M.C. Administration to give admission in the Senior Navyug School to those students who have passed the Junior Navyug School examinations?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the criteria laid down for admission in Senior Navyug School, such of the students who secure more than 70 per cent marks in Class-V in the Junior Navyug Schools can automatically get admission in the Senior Navyug School. The remaining students can compete for admission in the Senior Navyug School alongwith students of other schools. Alternatively, they can seek admission in other Secondary/Senior Secondary Schools run by the N.D.M.C./Delhi Administration.

(c) No, Sir.

Introduction of Computer System for imparting education in Schools

1587. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some schools in Delhi have introduced computer system for imparting education;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce such system in a large number of schools in the country; and

(c) if so, what are the details of guidelines sent to different States and Union Territory Administrations in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) to (c) Twenty higher secondary schools from Delhi have been selected for participation in the pilot project to introduce computer literacy and studies in schools in 248 schools throughout the country in 1984-85. The pilot project aims to achieve the following objectives:

—to provide students with a broad understanding of computers and their use;

—to provide hands-on experience;

—to familiarise students with the range of computer applications in all walks of human activity and the computers' potential as a controlling and information processing tool; and

—to demystify computers and to develop a degree of ease and familiarity with computers which would be conducive to developing individual creativity in identifying and developing applications relevant to their immediate environment.

The Pilot Project is proposed to be extended to 500 additional schools during 1985-86. It is proposed to decide a further expansion of the project in VII plan in the light of evaluation of the pilot project.